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ANNUAL REPORT
MONTANA RURAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
1987

The Montana Rural Areas Development Committee met five times during the year. The Annual Meeting was held in the GranTree Inn in Bozeman on December 7, 8 and 9.

The five meetings of the Executive Committee were held on January 27 and 28 in the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Building in Helena. On May 7 and 8 the Committee met at Cavanoughs Hotel in Kalispell and on July 7 and 8 at the Holiday Inn in Bozeman. On October 6 and 7 the Committee met in the Fish, Wildlife and Parks headquarters in Bozeman.

This report contains a listing of the Executive Committee, paid membership and subcommittee membership as of March 1, 1988. Also included is a copy of the by-laws, a copy of correspondence, a copy of minutes of all regular meetings of the Executive Committee and a complete record of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting.

This is the eleventh Annual Report by the Montana Rural Areas Development Committee. The Committee has been in existence for 27 years but an Annual Report was not prepared until 1978.

Some Major Accomplishments and/or Events During 1987.

Discontinued Chemicals and Biological Materials Subcommittee and combined Biological Materials responsibilities with the Weeds Subcommittee and Combined Chemical efforts with the Safety Subcommittee.

January 28 — Executive Committee met in Helena. Heard Governor Schwinden and Commissioner Krause discuss the State of the State and the Montana University system. Energy subcommittee discontinued. Asked for adequate funding for Weed Coordinator position. Visited legislators in session.

May 7 & 8 — Executive Committee met in Kalispell with the Forestry subcommittee and viewed small timber harvesting demonstration and Christmas tree growing in the Flathead. Discussed plan for consolidation of Cooperative Extension with the Agricultural Experiment Station. Discussed the proposed elimination of the Fish and Wildlife Management program at M.S.U. and wrote Regents a strong letter of opposition. Took action to support the Montana Growth Through Agriculture Act.

July 22 & 23 — Executive Committee met in Bozeman. Heard Paul Dunham explain the proposed entrance requirements for the Montana University system. Also heard Rolfe Groseth, Office of Student Affairs at M.S.U. state what he thought the implications of the proposal were. Took action to send a letter of opposition to the proposal to the Task Force on Admission Standards.

Mike Cok, Attorney for Darigold Farms discussed the milk pricing controversy and Art Linton, Department Head of Animal and Range Science at M.S.U., explained the current operation of Red Bluff ranch and policies pertaining thereto.

After hearing Duane Miller and Roy Ditterline speak regarding controversies pertaining to Crop Varietal recommendations we took action to support the recommendations of varieties by the Plant and Soil Science Department at M.S.U.

Discussed policies regarding the use of parathion and the disposal of hazardous materials with

George Alcord, Montana Department of Agriculture, and Roger Thorvilson, Montana Department of Health.

Took action to send Montana Congressional Delegation a letter of opposition to an amendment to the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982.

Arlene Hill advised that due to absence from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee her position on the committee had been vacated.

October 7 & 8 — The R.A.D. Executive Committee met at the new Fish, Wildlife and Parks building in Bozeman.

Heard M.S.U. President Tietz discuss the Mission of M.S.U. and John Jutila, Vice President for Research at M.S.U., discuss the Alliance for Science and Technology and Tech Research Park.

Don Sullivan, Montana Department of Agriculture, discussed 1080 and Columbia Ground Squirrel Control. Took action to send a letter to Montana's Congressional Delegation and others encouraging that research be expedited relative to Columbia Ground Squirrel Control.

James Flynn, Director of the State Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, explained the funding of the Department.

Recognition awards were discussed and named Clare Clark to receive the Range Technician of the Year Award and Stuart Schwartz to be named the Range Man of the Year.

Aasheim announced that he would step down as Executive Director of R.A.D. at the Annual Meeting but would remain as treasurer if asked to do so.

December 7, 8 & 9 — The Annual Meeting was held in the GranTree Inn in Bozeman.

A letter was proposed and signed by all members of the Executive Committee and addressed to the Task Force on Admission Standards, The Board of Regents and others opposing the proposed University Admission Standards. (Second letter.)

Terry Murphy, Frank Thompson, Bob Leprowse, Annie Townsend and Don Achsner were elected to a two year term on the Executive Committee and Bob Evertz to a one year term.

Took action to support a program, "Get Obnoxious with Weeds," and took action to oppose any noxious weed seeds being present in seed being sold.

Frank Thompson elected Chairman; Bernard Harkness, Vice Chairman; and Torleif Aashiem, Treasurer.

Took action to support the continuation of the S.C.S. Ecological Site and Condition Classes Method for Range Inventory.

Heard Jim Welsh discuss a request for federal funding to expand the biological control functions of the Plant Growth Center at M.S.U.

The program included Ian B. Davidson speaking on "It's a real world out there for Montana." Alan Baquet, Extension Economist, spoke on "Farm Survivability: Is Bigger Better?" and Governor Schwinden, the luncheon speaker, on "What Is and What Are the Future Choices for Montana?"

Parm Hacker was recognized for his many years as Chairman of the Livestock and Range Subcommittee; and Torlief Aasheim was recognized for his many active years on behalf of R.A.D.

OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE

The chief objective of the Montana Rural Areas Development Committee is to help develop the human and natural resources of the rural areas of the state to their fullest potential by developing processes among the people for continually solving their problems. The primary function of the RAD Committee is to establish policies, provide incentives for rural areas development and to give statewide administration and direction to county and area RAD Committees.

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Officially Approved, February 14, 1962
and Amended February 21, 1968; February 10, 1972;
December 13, 1974; December 10, 1975; December 1, 1977 and
December 2, 1983, November 29, 1984

ARTICLE I - NAME

Sec. 1. The name of this Committee shall be the Montana Rural Areas Development Committee.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE

Sec. 1. The chief objective of the Montana RAD Committee is to help develop the human and natural resources of the rural areas of the State to their fullest potential by developing processes among the people for continually solving their problems.

The accomplishment of this objective depends primarily upon the development of leadership, initiative and responsibility among the people of an area for:

(a) Expansion of their resources, both agricultural and non-agricultural;

(b) Increased efficiency through use of technology, mechanization and automation;

(c) Establishment of new and enlargement of existing businesses and industries;

(d) Training and retraining of youth and adults;

(e) Reducing of unemployment and under-employment;

(f) Increased income and improved standards of living.

ARTICLE III - DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Sec. 1. The primary functions of this Committee are to establish policies, providing incentives for rural areas development and giving statewide administration and direction to county and area RAD Committees.

Sec. 2. Specific functions of the Committee include such activities as:

(a) Define the geographical boundaries for county and area RAD activities with help of local people;

(b) Consulting with government and other agencies on all phases of state and local area responsibilities for the successful operation of the RAD program;

(c) Review and make recommendations for improvement of area RAD and area redevelopment program and plans;

(d) Establish and maintain appropriate liaison with state economic development agencies and groups, including ARA, with respect to the RAD program;

(e) Create among the people an awareness of the value and accomplishments of RAD;

(f) Evaluation of its own operation and area program effectiveness.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. The State RAD Committee shall be composed of representatives from different areas of the state, economic and other segments of the society, including agriculture, business, industry, labor, church, schools, civic groups, state public agencies and organizations, and the Director of the Cooperative Extension Service.

Sec. 2. All vacancies shall be filled and new appointments made by the Executive Committee.

(THE FOLLOWING SEC. 3. IS AN AMENDMENT VOTED UPON AND APPROVED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STATE RAD COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 10-11, 1975, IN BOZEMAN).

Sec. 3.* The Annual Dues for membership of the Montana State RAD Committee shall be $10.00. The payment of such dues shall entitle the member to receive all minutes, notices of meetings, and proceedings of the State RAD Committee, and shall entitle the member to vote at all meetings of the State Committee, and shall entitle the member to be considered for membership on the Executive Committee.

Life Membership Dues shall be $50.00 and shall entitle the individual to all rights and privileges of individuals described under Annual Membership Dues.

* Changed from $5.00 to $10.00 by action taken at the Annual Meeting held in Bozeman, Montana on November 29, 1984.

Any member wishing to give special support to the State RAD Committee may do so by making a payment of $100.00 which shall entitle him to Life Membership and a certificate identifying him as a Sustaining Member.

Organizations, agencies, business enterprises of groups of any kind wishing to support the RAD activities may do so and be identified as Associate Members by payment of a minimum of annual $25.00 dues. This entitles such members to all rights of other members except the right to vote. A certificate identifying the donor as an Associate Member will be issued.

(THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS AN AMENDMENT VOTED UPON AND APPROVED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN BOZEMAN, MONTANA DECEMBER 2, 1983).

Sec. 4. Any individual having served five consecutive terms on the Executive Committee shall be provided life membership.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1. At the organization meeting, the Montana RAD Committee shall elect an Executive Committee of ten members, plus a nonvoting Executive Secretary, five of whom shall be elected for one year and five for two years. All members of the Executive Committee shall continue in office until successors have been duly elected and qualified.

(CHANGES FROM EIGHT TO TEN MEMBERS BY AMENDMENT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN SIDNEY, MONTANA ON FEBRUARY 10, 1972).

"In addition to the ten elected members, the Director of the Montana Cooperative Extension Service shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee with all the rights and privileges given the other members."

(THE DIRECTOR OF THE MONTANA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE WAS ADDED AS A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY ACTION TAKEN AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN BILLINGS ON DECEMBER 1 2, 1977).

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee will select one of its members to serve as its chairman and chairman of the Montana RAD Committee. It will also select one of its members to serve as a vice-chairman who will act in the absence of the chairman.

Sec. 3. The Executive Secretary, who will serve as secretary of the RAD Executive Committee and the Montana RAD

Committee, will be employed by the Montana Cooeprative Extension Service.

Sec. 4. Five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for transacting official business.

(CHANGED FROM FOUR TO FIVE BY AMENDMENT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN SIDNEY, MONTANA ON FEBRUARY 10, 1972.)

Sec. 5. When a vacancy occurs in the Executive Committee by reason of death or resignation, the Executive Committee shall fill the unexpired term.

Sec. 6. The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint such subcommittees as are deemed necessary.

Sec. 7. The Executive Committee shall assume the responsibility for implementing the work and conducting the business of the RAD Committee.

Sec. 8. All activities of the Executive Committee, especially those pertaining to policy, shall be reported periodically in the entire membership of the Montana RAD Committee.

(THE FOLLOWING TWO ITEMS ARE AMENDMENTS VOTED UPON AND APPROVED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STATE RAD COMMITTEE, FEBRUARY 20 & 21, 1968, IN BOZEMAN.)

Sec. 9. Each member of the RAD Executive Committee shall name an alternate to represent him or her at meetings which he or she cannot attend. This alternate shall be named on a permanent basis and may attend meetings which the regular member attends, but may vote only when the regular member is absent.

Sec. 10. If an elected position of the RAD Executive Committee is not represented by the elected member or designated alternate in three consecutive meetings, the position shall be declared vacant.

(SECTION 10 REWORDED FOR CLARIFICATION AND APPROVED AT THE ANNUAL RAD MEETING HELD IN BILLINGS, MONTANA on DECEMBER 1 & 2, 1977).

ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS

Sec. 1. The Annual Meeting, at which time the vacancies in the RAD Executive Committee shall be filled, will be held within the first two weeks of December at a place designated by the Executive Committee.

(CHANGED FROM THE SECOND WEDNESDAY IN FEBRUARY AT A PLACE DESIGNATED BY THE CHAIRMAN TO WITHIN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF DECEMBER AT A PLACE DESIGNATED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY AMENDMENT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN MILES CITY, MONTANA ON DECEMBER 13, 1974.)

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee shall appoint annually three persons from among the membership of the Montana RAD Committee to serve as a committee to nominate candidates for membership and officers of the Executive Committee, and to conduct the election to be held at the annual meeting.

Sec. 3. Additional nominations for the Executive Committee may be made from the floor by any member of the RAD Committee before the election is held.

Sec. 4. Election should be by ballot.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Sec. 1. The Montana RAD Committee shall meet at least once a year and at other times at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The announcement of the meetings together with a statement of the purpose of the meeting shall be mailed to each member at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Sec. 2. Those personally present at a duly called meeting of the Montana RAD Committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII - CHANGES IN BY-LAWS

Sec. 1. The Executive Committee or any member of the Montana RAD Committee may recommend additions or amendments to the by-laws.

Sec. 2. Additions or amendments to the by-laws shall become effective immediately upon approval of a majority of the State RAD Committee members present at any scheduled meeting.

Sec. 3. Proposed additions and amendments to these by-laws shall be submitted to the members at least fourteen days prior to the meeting at which action on the additions and amendments is to be taken.

(THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE IX, SEC. 1. WAS APPROVED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN BILLINGS, MONTANA ON DECEMBER 1 & 2, 1977.)

ARTICLE IX - ANNUAL REPORT

Sec. 1. The chairman, with the aid of the secretary, shall be responsible for the preparation of an annual report covering activities and actions taken during the year. This report shall be prepared and distributed prior to March 1st of the following year and shall include an updated listing of members and subcommittees.

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FORESTRY SUBCOMMITTEE

PURPOSE

This subcommittee shall focus its attention on matters pertaining to Forestry (which includes farm forestry shelterbelts, windbreaks, sound barriers and wildlife plantings) for the purpose of:

1. Serving in a coordinating role by bringing together agencies, groups and organizations which have an interest in forestry for the purpose of:

   a) Identifying and documenting forestry-related problems and opportunities,
   b) Obtaining a consensus as to priority of need and documenting their findings,
   c) Developing a plan for implementation of a program deemed appropriate through research, education, legislation or other action.

2. Make recommendations to the State RAD Committee based on these findings.

(Note: This subcommittee also serves as the Montana Woodland Council.)

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1. Service in a coordinating role by bringing together agencies, groups and organizations which have an interest in soil and water management for the purpose of:

   a) Identifying and documenting soil and water related problems and opportunities,
   b) Obtaining a consensus as to priority of need and documenting their findings,
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LIVESTOCK AND RANGE SUBCOMMITTEE

PURPOSE:

This subcommittee shall focus its attention on matters pertaining to range management and livestock production and marketing (which includes cattle and sheep) for the purpose of:

1. Serving in coordinating roles by bringing together agencies, groups and organizations which have an interest in livestock and range for the purpose of:

   a) Identifying and documenting livestock and range related problems and opportunities,
   b) Obtaining a consensus as to priority of need and documenting their findings,
   c) Developing a plan for implementing a program deemed appropriate through research, education, legislation or other action.

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PURPOSE:

This subcommittee shall focus its attention on matters pertaining to recreation and wildlife for the purpose of:

1. Serving in a coordinating role by bringing together agencies, groups or organizations which have an interest in wildlife management, farmer-rancher relationships and recreational developments in Montana for the purpose of:

   a) Identifying problems and opportunities,
   b) Obtaining a consensus as to priority of need and documenting their findings,
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PURPOSE:

This subcommittee shall focus its attention on matters pertaining to chemicals and farm safety for the purpose of:

1. Serving in a coordinating role by bringing together agencies, groups and organizations which have an interest in chemicals and farm safety for the purpose of:

   a) Identifying and documenting chemical and farm safety related problems and opportunities,
   b) Obtaining a consensus as to priority of need and documenting their findings,
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1. Serving in a coordinating role by bringing together agencies, groups and organizations which have an interest in weeds, and weed control for the purpose of:

   a) Identifying and documenting problems and opportunities related to weeds and weed control,
   b) Obtaining a consensus as to priority of need and documenting their findings,
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HELENA, MT

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Absence of Members Aasheim and Luft:

Executive Director Aasheim is recovering from open heart surgery in Billings Deaconess Hospital. Dr. LeRoy Luft sent his regrets for not attending, but he is in the office preparing for the CES hearing on February 3.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

It was moved by Mike Reichman and seconded by Mack Quinn that we accept the minutes as mailed.

Review of Annual Meeting:

Some discussion focused on how to handle committees as some of them finished early and others required the entire time.

Correspondence:

Chairman Harkness read some letters he received.

We dispensed with the reading of the financial statement since Executive Director Aasheim was not in attendance.

Next Annual Meeting - December 7-8-9, 1987:

The meeting date is December 7, 8 and 9, 1987. Location will be in Bozeman. Motion by Reichman, seconded by Milliron. Rust will call for a location.

Resolution of Livestock and Range Subcommittee:

Dennis Hemmer met with RAD and outlined the State Lands leasing policy. Their leases are for 10 years. They are under statute and have limited flexibility. They have been able to work out some things on range renovation. At present time, they do not have any cost-share funds.

On economic incentive for leases that maintains state-owned range in good condition, the Department has talked about it but as yet they haven't been able to come up with a solution. If range is in poor condition, the incentive is either to bring it up or the Department will likely cancel the lease.

If they were to make some significant changes, it would require a change in statute.

In the renovations, there is some flexibility. For example, under burning there is the possibility of waving a years lease during that year of the burn. The last couple of years they have backed away burning for liability and other financial reasons.

It was agreed that we will furnish copies of the range report to Dennis Hemmer. Rust will send him a copy.

Dennis indicated that they are getting more information on leases to their field offices. Most leasing items can be handled by the field offices.

Cooperative Range Management Program (CRMP) involves several landowners where there is co-mingling of ownership. As a rule, a pretty good plan results from such an effort. It was suggested that RAD invite Jack Thomas, DNRC, to discuss CRMP as that effort is headed by Jack.

Considerable discussion followed involving weed management on state land. It is usually done with the leasee and in other situations, they work through the county weed district.

Other Resolutions of Livestock and Range Subcommittee:

Red Bluff Ranch - It was agreed to invite Art Linton to the next Executive meeting in Bozeman in July to discuss the mission of the Bed Bluff Ranch.

4-H youth range program, range youth camp, and Montana range days - It was moved by Forest Farris and seconded by Willie Milliron that RAD write to Glen Loomis, Dennis Hemmer, James Flynn, Art Linton and LeRoy Luft in support of this resolution.

Support of 1989 Annual Meeting of International Scoiety of Range Management - RAD will write to Lt. Governor George Turman urging support of this meeting.

Soil and Water Subcommittee:

Discussion surfaced on legislation related to the water court and the adjudication process.

Moved by Forest Farris that RAD re-affirm its support of Judge Lessley's water court and the adjudication process. Seconded by Mack Quinn. Letter will be prepared by Chairman Harkness and sent to Governor Schwinden, Judge Lessley and appropriate legislators (Senator Keating, ag committee in both Houses, Senator Paul Boylan, Duane Compton, Tom Jones, NR in the House).

Organize a working subcommittee on the 1985 Farm Bill - Action: Mack Quinn moved that enough is being done by the agencies and others in the 1985 Farm Bill, seconded by Mike Reichman, motion passed.

Montana Dam Safety Standards - Chairman Harkness indicated he is directly involved in a dam project that is high hazard. He is actively working on this effort.

It was agreed that we delay discussion on the rest of the Soil and Water Subcommittee until such time as Ole Ueland can meet with the Executive Committee.

Other Items:

Kim indicated there is a Montana Riparian Association. It was organized this past fall (1986). It was suggested that we invite Bob Pfister and/or Paul Hansen to discuss the riparian issue with the Executive Committee when we meet on the west side.

Weed Subcommittee:

It was moved by Bob LeProwse and Mack Quinn that the RAD Executive Committee support the Weed Subcommittee resolution. Motion passed. It was also moved that Resolution #5 of the Soil and Water Subcommittee be included. President Harkness will write a letter to Keith Kelly in support of the weed coordinator position.

Chemical and Biological Materials Subcommittee:

The Subcommittee recommended that they merge with Weed Subcommittee. We talked about the charge of the committee and redefining the charge.

It was moved by Willie Milliron and seconded by Mack Quinn that we move the biological materials portion to the Weed Subcommittee.

Wednesday, February 28:

Kim Enkerud - MSGA - as of Monday 475 HB 228 SB - Ag programs are being cut.

1-2 Ag counseling dropped - ag link loan program dropped
3 HB61 Weed Management funding is still alive
4 HB91 termination date for ag in schools trying to maintain in an on-going manner
5 HB102 Fee on Montana vehicles for weed funding
6 HB150 taxing of one acre of ag land trying for change
7 HB169
8 HB285 Eliminate property tax on livestock - try to combine with grain inventory
9 HB446 Suspend 25¢ on research and marketing - MSGA supports
10 SB12 Grain inventory tax
11 SB59 Banks hold ag land for 10 years
12 SB142 Right of first refusal on foreclosures
13 SB159 Redefine of surface water for recreation use

Kim went to a taxation meeting where most were in favor of a sales tax except for Jim Burray.

Kim would like to be notified of the next meeting of RAD.

Energy Subcommittee:

The Energy Subcommittee has gone inactive and requested that it be terminated. Executive Committee has accepted this recommendation.

Recreation and Wildlife Subcommittee:

A letter was sent to the Board of Regents in support of the Fish and Wildlife Program at Montana State University as requested by the R&W Subcommittee. No response has been received by Chairman Harkness from the Board of Regents.

Safety Subcommittee:

Their resolution requested support for a full time farm safety specialist position with the Montana Cooperative Extension Service. Mack Quinn indicated that with reduced labor forces with older and younger people are working on farms and moving faster so the need for safety is greater than ever.

Bob LeProwse moved and Mack Quinn seconded that we take action as described in the resolution. Motion carried. Chairman Harkness will prepare letters for the appropriate people.

Forestry Subcommittee:

Workmens Comp is an issue that has had a lot of discussion and concern. Idaho loggers pay less and are doing some logging in Montana where they border good logging areas.

Bob LeProwse moved we support the revision activities in Workmens Compensation seconded by Frank Thompson. Motion carried. Bob LeProwse will take the lead and keep us posted and will participate in the discussions with appropriate groups.

Bob LeProwse moved full funding for RREA, seconded by Forest Farris. Motion carried. President Harkness will write letters to the Montana Congressional delegation in support of RREA with copies to ES/USDA CES Administrator and Dr. Luft.

Bob LeProwse moved, Mike Reichman seconded, that RAD support the Montana Forest and Conservation Experiment Station budget request. Motion passed. Bob LeProwse will make certain someone will attend the hearing for the forestry experiment station this Friday.

Conservation Education in OPI:

Bob LeProwse moved that the Forestry Subcommittee serve as a committee to work with the Office of Public Instruction to identify opportunities to assist OPI insuring a quality conservation education program.

Chemical Materials Subcommittee:

Barb Mullin related some activities on hazardous waste materials. Major question: why can't we degrade or dissolve hazardous chemicals? It was suggested that we should perhaps get involved in a discussion with the Department of Health. It was suggested we contact Steve Potts - EPA, Roger Thorvalson of State Department of Health to come and discuss this with us. Also, it was suggested that perhpas Gary Strobel, Pete Fay or others discuss the state of the art on chemical breakdown and disposal. Mike Reichman moved and Mack Quinn seconded, that we organize such a discussion with the above individuals at the next RAD Executive Committee that is held in Bozeman. Executive Director Aasheim will make said arrangements.

Participation usage resolution - it was moved by Forest Farris, seconded by Bob LeProwse, that we contact the State Department of Agriculture and obtain from them information they have on parathon. Motion passed. Executive Director Aasheim will invite Gary Gingery or someone from his staff to present this information at our next executive meeting that is held in Bozeman.

The State of the University System:

Commissioner Carrol Krause presented the attached university system budget reductions. He discussed the canceling of classes plus termination of professors. Have laid off administrators and support staff in the effort to protect teaching faculty. Equipment, library, and travel budgets have been hit extremely hard.

In the future the Board of Regents have been in a long-range planning. With our decrease and increase of surrounding states, we have fallen behind by 15%. This puts the problem into perspective. He discussed in detail the budget and the proposed funding.

Montana Woolgrowers:

Bob Gilbert took time from his busy schedule to meet with us.

- -Legislation on sheep theft has been dropped
- -Bears in bee hives legislation will be opposed.
- -Average inventory legislation - an amendment including feedlots - will support this bill.
- -Will watch funding of the university system; however, the critical time is down the road but he will work one-on-one with legislators.
- -They will stay directly with sheep issues and will not get involved in legislation.
- -Science and technology will be supported.
- -Does a radio broadcast regularly during the session

Spring Meeting:

Check with Woodland Council chairman for a date in early May in Flathead valley, middle of week if possible. Motion carried.

Possible Agenda:

Forestry - Woodland Council Res.
Soil and Water resolution - Ole Ueland
Riparian issue - Bob Pfister

Governor Schwinden - State of the State:

Legislature still is searching for a direction. He discussed his proposal for bailing the state out of its deficit. Options are very very few. The Governor was frank in discussing a wide variety of topics.

Action on Commissioner Krause's Comments:

Willie Milliron moved that we support HB500 funding level. Seconded by Mike Reichman. Chairman Harkness will write letters to appropriate legislators. Members are encouraged to make individual contacts.

Discussion surfaced about the reports that President Tietz wants MSU to be a graduate school. Concern was expressed about the balance of undergraduate and graduate programs. But after considerable discussion, it was decided that we should delay action on any recommendation at this time.

Frank Thompson will represent RAD at the AES and CES hearing Tuesday, February 3, 1987.

Farm Credit:

Mack Quinn reported on the Great Falls hearing of a couple weeks ago.

Farm credit is currently more expensive that going to commercial banks.

Concerns:

1-Timeliness - it takes too long to process a loan.
2-Local control is being removed.
3-Interest rates are higher than commercial banks.
4-Same number of forms for small loan as large loan.
5-Chapter 12 is scaring away available funds from commercial.
6-Arbitrary devaluation of land changes operator from low to high risk regardless - even though the farm was and always paid their loans and are current.

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MINUTES

RAD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
May 7 & 8, 1987
Cavanaugh's, Kalispell, Montana

In the absence of Chairman Bernard Harkness and Vice Chairman Mike Richmond, Torlief Aasheim opened the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m., May 7.

Corrections to the minutes of the last meeting included the addition of Mack Quinn to those in attendance. It was moved by Luft, seconded by Quinn, that with that correction the minutes be approved as mailed. The motion carried.

Aasheim reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

The issue of the possible termination of the Recreation and Wildlife program at Montana State University was discussed. Aasheim reviewed the prior resolution directed at this closure. It was moved by Bob LeProwse that the resolution be resubmitted to Dr. Tietz and the Board of Regents. The motion was seconded and carried.

Correspondence

Aasheim read a letter from Keith Williams, as well as letters to the congressional delegation from Bernard Harkness re: support for RREA funding. He also indicated that thank you notes had been sent to Carl Hoffman, Governor Schwinden, Mike Hemmer and Keith Kelly. He further pointed out that letters had been sent to Loomis, Hemmer, Flynn and Luft regarding the Red Bluff Ranch and Range Days, asking for continuous activities in these areas.

Aasheim reported a bank balance of $543.84. He indicated that Extension had assisted with the Annual Report.

There are 77 paid members; however, there were 7 alternates that had not yet paid their dues. Several committee members indicated they would pay for their alternates.

It was pointed out that the annual meeting would be December 7, 8 and 9 at the GranTree Inn at Bozeman. Aasheim will work on the program for that meeting.

Luft was asked to give an update on consolidation. He indicated that it would be implemented July 1, 1987. He and Welsh have been meeting with department heads regarding the integration of specialists into the academic departments. There was also discussion regarding the impact of the final days of the legislative session. Luft pointed out that the dollars generated from consolidation were lost during conference committee deliberations.

There was some discussion about the July and September meetings, and it was decided to have Jim Welsh, Dwane Miller and Al Taylor attend the next meeting to discuss the future directions for variety recommendations as well as the relationship between the university and private plant breeders.

Aasheim indicated that the Energy and CD Subcommittees have been terminated. He further indicated that Recreation and Wildlife Committees have been consolidated, but each would still be free to have their own separate subcommittee meetings if they desired. He also pointed out that the Chemicals and Biological Control Committees were combined with Weeds at the last Executive Committee meeting. He felt that he should go back and ask the Weeds Chairman whether or not this was an appropriate action. No final decisions were made in this regard.

Friday a.m. - May 8

We participated in the Woodland Councils Meeting. Steve Laursen will provide detailed minutes.

Discussions focused on Riparean land management and private woodlot timber management.

Friday p.m. - May 8

We participated in a demonstration tour of selective timber harvesting in private woodlands. We also visited a Christmas tree farm.

Friday evening - May 8

Ole Ueland was presented with a plaque which read as follows:

> "Presented to Ole Ueland by the Montana Rural Areas Development Committee in recognition and appreciation of his dedicated efforts on behalf of the Committee and his many years as an Ambassador of Conservation."

Mr. Ueland accepted the plaque in memory of his wife who was a great supporter of his efforts in the Montana Rural Areas Development Committee.

There was a discussion on the University Board of Regent's new requirement for adjustments to improve student preparedness for college level work. Executive Director Aasheim will develop this topic for discussion at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

There is a May 14 hearing in Helena on a proposal to drop academic programs at the University of Montana and Montana State University. A.M. for University of Montana, P.M. for Montana State University.

Housebill 889 passed last day of session. Montana Growth through Agriculture Act assigned to Department of Commerce for Administration and funded by a percentage of unallocated coal tax funds. Bulk of money to be used as a revolving fund to start agri-businesses in communities of 15,000 or less. Terry feels that we need to help make it work. There will be a governing board that has five farmers. Terry moved that we send a letter to Keith Colbo endorsing the goals of HB 889 and pledging support by RAD, and encourage that he give it priority status. Motion seconded by Bob; motion passed. Torley will write letter.

Subcommittee Resolutions - Soil & Water Resolutions

Ole Ueland indicated that he has nothing to add at this time. He then articulated some discussion other than that which is in the resolutions. Ole says he is happy with the action of the RAD executive committee. Ole was asked to continue to look at "Farming Soils - Not Fields" and groundwater quality problems. Discussion also focused on soil survey activity, the financial support from state and national is continuing. It was recommended that there is a need for discussion on "organic" farming and what it is and does for, or to, the soil. Monitoring of the riparian efforts being done by the Riparian Association and the Woodland Council. Ole wants help getting more people on his committee.

Mission of Montana State University

There was some discussion on whether or not RAD wants to become involved in taking a position or recommendation on the current suggested changes in directions of MSU - The Land Grant University. No action taken.

Riparian Areas

Willie raised a question on where the committee is headed that has developed the riparian discussion. What will be the end goal or objective? Is it education or are they pushing for some other end result?

Next Meeting

July 22-23 in Bozeman. Aasheim will develop agenda.

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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Bernard Harkness, Chairman
State R.A.D. Committee

Bernard J. Harkness

RE: Fish and Wildlife Management Program
at M.S.U.

At the annual meeting of the Montana Rural Areas Development Committee held in November, the R.A.D. Subcommittee on Reclamation and Wildlife passed the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

SUPPORT FOR THE FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AT MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

1.WHEREAS, the Fish and Wildlife Program at Montana State University if nationally recognized for its excellence as evidenced by its record of employment rate for graduates and its publications in scientific journals, and

2.WHEREAS, there is essentially no duplication between this program and the wildlife biology program at the University of Montana, and

3.WHEREAS, the amount of research funds generated by this program exceeds the direct cost of the University System of supporting the program, and

4.WHEREAS, the interface of this Fish and Wildlife Program with the agricultural disciplines and the two-thirds of Montana that produces agricultural commodities is a very crucial relationship,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Rural Areas Development Committee implores the Montana Board of Regents to maintain at the current level the Fish and Wildlife Program at Montana State University because it makes neither economic nor education sense to eliminate it.

This is to advise that the R.A.D. Executive Committee supports that resolution.

Best Wishes for the Holidays.

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Enc.
cc: William Tietz
Dave Garber

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RAD - Executive Committee July 22 & 23, 1987

Attendance:

Charles Rust	Bob LeProwse
Forest Farris	Art Linton
Ruth Lewis	Willie Milliron
Michael Reichman	Barbara Mullin
Jean Harkness	Norm Peterson
Bernard Harkness	Gene Hawkes
Torlief Aasheim	Duane Miller
Paul Dunham	Ray Ditterline
Frank Thompson	Mike Cok
Keith Williams	Carol Daley
Lorna Frank	Mike Murphy
Connie Townsend	William Potts
Terry Murphy	John Larson

Bernard Harkness called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Terry Murphy moved and Mike Reichman seconded that we accept the May 7 and 8 minutes as mailed. Motion passed.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Aasheim reviewed several pieces of correspondence plus copies of newspaper articles related to admission standards and future directions of Montana State University.

Torley reviewed correspondence:

1. Montana Growth Through Agriculture Act -- with Keith Colbo. Department of Commerce will meet with us in the morning.

2. Jaynee Groseth correspondence. She will meet with us in the morning.

3. Torley read a letter from Dick Setterstrom in which he is concerned about the changes in university admission requirements.

4. Chemical subcommittee.

5. Correspondence from Keith Kelly requesting funds to support the Western Commissioners of Agriculture. Summer conference in Kalispell, August 1-5. Several indicated that their organizations have received the same letter. It was moved by Bob LeProwse and seconded by Reichman that we do not support funding but encourage the organizations that each represent to consider financial support.

6. There are still two vacancies for alternatives on the RAD Executive Committee. It was indicated that they will soon be named.

7. Forest Farris indicated that RAD needs to take some action to help get 1080 back for use with ground squirrel control (it will be discussed again in the morning).

8. Chairman Harkness wrote letter to Board of Regents that we support the Fish and Wildlife program at MSU. Frank Thompson represented RAD at the hearing. The program was retained.

9. Annual Meeting Plans: Executive Director Aasheim indicated that at annual meeting he will resign but will be willing to serve as treasurer if requested.

10. Chairman Harkness indicated that he has received responses from his earlier correspondence. Same will be discussed in the morning.

11. Lorna Frank is in attendance representing Mack Quinn and Farm Bureau.

Status of Extension - Experiment Station Consolidation

Rust circulated the attached organizational chart and fielded some questions but was not able to respond to all of them (see Attachments A).

Admission Requirements (Board of Regents)

Paul Dunham of Montana University System discussed the background of the changes. The prepatory problems were discussed in the early 1980s. The admission policies were reviewed and a report was issued in October of 1986. Further discussions and hearings were held later in 1986. December 11 and 12, 1986 the Regents decided to establish admission standards starting in the fall of 1990.

Concerns have been:

1. Quality of education
2. Retention problem
3. Resources being used in remedial programs

4. Control of enrollment (and at the same time need to have access to college but also the opportunity for success)
(Concerns about demands in the market place of verbal, written and math skills)

Requirements

3 years of Math
4 years of English (emphasize written and oral)
3 years of Social Studies
2 years of Laboratory Science
1 year of Performing Arts
2 years of Foreign Languages or two added years from the first four requirements
Minimum SAS and/or ACT score or some minimum high school average.

From this a task force was established with a differentiation; MSU, UM and MT Tech in one group and the other units in another group. With certain exceptions such as small schools and non-traditional students.

Concerns have been expressed about the shifts away from vocational educational programs. What meets the performing arts requirement. Will native American language satisfy the language requirements? Can small schools provide a foreign language? Is the board dictating what will be taught in high school and is that their responsibility? How will requirements be monitored and enforced?

They are developing a data bank on test scores so they can analyze and establish parameters.

Some concern was expressed by RAD that at present there is not enough involvement from parents and students who are users of the education. Concern expressed about a land-grant school and the land-grant philosophy; is it still going to serve the common man? What about transfers within the system? They are still searching this out. Will the funding formula be impacted? This is under review.

His final comments were:

1. There will be a college prepatory program
2. There will be college admission standards

Thursday A.M., July 23, 1987

Milk Pricing Concerns

Mike Cok met with us and distributed attachments "B" and "C" which illustrate the difference between Salt Lake and Montana. The warehouses are resisting the Montana pricing system and are pressing hard to purchase milk at the lower prices available from places such as Utah and other states.

Their argument is that if we don't change the price controls, we will lose markets to out-of-state producers.

Considerable discussion followed and it was indicated that producers seem to be divided on the entire issue.

Red Bluff Ranch and Future Plans

Art Linton presented a slide set that outlined the operation and the type of research that is being conducted on the 13,000-acre Red Bluff Ranch. The ranch has been part of the Agricultural Experiment Station for about 30 years and concentrates on range, beef and sheep research. Clayton Marlowe is conducting research on riparian zones. It is one of the few such research projects in the West. Art identified several different types of research, but major emphasis is on winter nutrition because that is the most expensive part of herd management for ranchers.

RAD publicly thanked Art for his presentation and for meeting with RAD.

Art indicated research is geared towards maximizing efficiency of production and not maximizing production.

Crop Variety Recommendations

Dr. Miller discussed the Plant and Soil Science research. They have two vacancies--one in weed research plus Extension horticulture. He asked for RAD to support the need for these positions.

Crop genetics and plant breeding are a significant effort in the department and is the basis for developing improved varieties. The two key factors are quality and adoption to Montana's climate.

They are currently looking at a hard white wheat that will be market tested in the Pacific rim countries. MSU is putting some significant effort into this as it is encouraging from the point of view of market potential.

They have a committee that has developed a new policy on variety testing and recommendations.

They will continue to test but how the information is disseminated is still under consideration primarily because of the liability concern. Hopefully, they will resolve these adjustments within the next several weeks.

Usefulness of the recommended lists was discussed. RAD members were asked for their suggestions on which way the department should go.

Committee recommendation should be addressed before November variety release meeting.

University Entrance Requirements

Ralph Groseth - Associate Dean of Students
Issue of Concern to Montanans
Potential to direct students to or away from a certain institution
Not bad on face - implemented because applications exceed capacity of system
e.g., will have 14,000 applications for 3,000 spots - 30 community colleges
Doesn't make sense based on level of students attending Montana schools.
Funding formulas - working at cross purposes with admission standards
Need program level funding vs. student enrollment funding.
1. Denying program access to students
- standard tests aren't totally accurate
- shouldn't deny students the opportunity to succeed
2. Smaller schools may not be able to meet requirements for University admissions.
25 percent of University population greater than 25 years old - will continue to need remedial classes.

RAD members should contact Commissioner of Higher Education Office and Board of Regents - especially if they are in your area and on the task force.

Continued reduction of university enrollment (-3%) and dormitory use (59% occupancy last year).

New regulations on freshman living in residence -- half (45 credits) must live in dorms for 3 quarters. down 30% in 12th grade enrollment since last 70s.

University of Montana down 8-10%; Western down much more - merger has confused the public. Eastern - 10%

Action of RAD Executive Board

Bob LeProwse moved RAD oppose proposed standards; Frank Thompson 2nd, passed.

Time frame for final policy decision supposed to start Sept. '87. '90 college prep course needed.

Montana Growth Through Agriculture Act

Two percent of coal tax will be used for Act. Initial projections are about $500,000. It creates a development council of seven people, two whom are Keith Kelly and Keith Colbo with the other five being appointed.

Public- private partnership for small agri-business and marketing. The definition of agri-business is broad and will include almost any business serving rural Montana. Funding is available.

They will write an agricultural development plan for Montana. Place an export Marketing specialist in Japan, and provide technical export assistance.

Use of seed money: is supposed to be innovative, value added and/or marketing innovation.

Preferences for use of seed capital (available maybe $200,000 to $250,000 per year).

1. Project expected to provide a reasonable return in a reasonable time period.

2. Potential for other Entrepreneurs in Montana.

3. Need this money to help get other funding.

4. Processing or adding value of products in Montana.

5. Add jobs to Montana.

They need to use this to fill in the gaps of other projects funded by other state programs.

Incubator Program: Put together several small businesses in one building and for this allow sharing of some supplementary needs, i.e., accounting, legal, copying, secretarial, et. al. Once established then the firm moves out and another moves in. However, in Montana they likely will look at some without walls. Can't put two in same town, in communities under 15,000 and must have a 3 to 1 match.

Marketing: Will likely do a joint effort with Pacific Rim Trade Office that is another effort by the Department. Will do some trade mission expansion and some technical assistance for marketing. They are considering placing a marketing specialist in Glendive along with a financial person. In cooperation with Small Business Assoc. will likely do several seminars on exporting.

DOA Policy on Parathion

John Larson of DOA distributed attachment "D" which is really the policy because it is the label and prescribes the use. John then went into the detail of how a chemical tested and evaluated for registration and label use. LD_5O is lethal dose too eliminate 50 percent of the tested species. NOEL is chronic test and is No Observable Effective Level. Then there is an AD1 developed which means a dosage taken every day that would not have any effect.

Parathion is a candidate for special review because of its toxicity. It is a possible carcinogen and is being further tested. It is a restricted use pesticide. Therefore, can only be used by a certified applicator. It can be lethal from just a few drops of the concentrated chemical, it doesn't take much to be fatal.

John described their intended procedures on the use of collars on sheep for coyote control. Strychnine is not available except on special requests for controlling of rabid skunks but that has become increasingly difficult. In July '87 it appears there is emergency exemptions on rabid skunks.

Forest asked how we can get 1,080 back for use on colombia ground squirrels. John indicated he was not informed on that issue.

Breakdown and Disposal of Hazardous Waste Materials

William Pots Department of Health met with us and discussed the regulations. Each person in attendance received a copy of EPA/530 - SW - 86 - 019, September 1986, "Understanding the Small Quantity Generator Hazardous Waste Rules:"

Last year 2,000 to 3,000 tons of hazardous waste was shipped out of state and about 23,000 tons were treated in state. There has been a significant reduction in the pesticide - herbicide problem the last couple of years. He feels this is a result of training and education of the applicators.

In the future they will be doing audits on several of the smaller generators of hazardous waste plus they will be conducting more seminars on how to handle and reduce the volume of the waste.

At present there is no hazardous waste disposal facility in Montana. Attempts have been made but so far it has not been successful.

Next Meeting - Date Oct. 7-8 by Unanimous Ballot

Suggested agenda items

- New Fish and Game Building and Use Plans
- New Technical Park and Use Plans
- Recommended Varieties what will be our recommendation

- Mission of MSU - do we want to take action?
- 1080 for Colombia Ground Squirrel Problem - ask Dan Sullivan of DOA and Forest Farris

Reclamation Reform Act

Keith Williams discussed some implication particularly with "subsidized water" portion. Rules have been published in April 1987 and are operating. But new action by Congress has thrown the rules into a group of complications relating to trust and other similar lands. It was moved by Bob LeProwse and seconded by Forest Farris that we send the attached letter to our senators (attachment "E") motion passed.

Agricultural Assistance Program

Mike Murphy distributed a publication prepared by the U of M law school. It has been updated to reflect current changes. The hotline service has been updated. Counseling and mediation services are available.

They now have the authority to assess a fee if the farmer has the ability to pay. As yet they haven't implemented it on a for pay basis. A hearing on proposed rule will be next Monday in the department.

Debt mediation: It is voluntary and both parties must be willing to participate. It has to be requested before it can take place. They have mediators scattered throughout the state. Current status of participation is included in attachment "F."

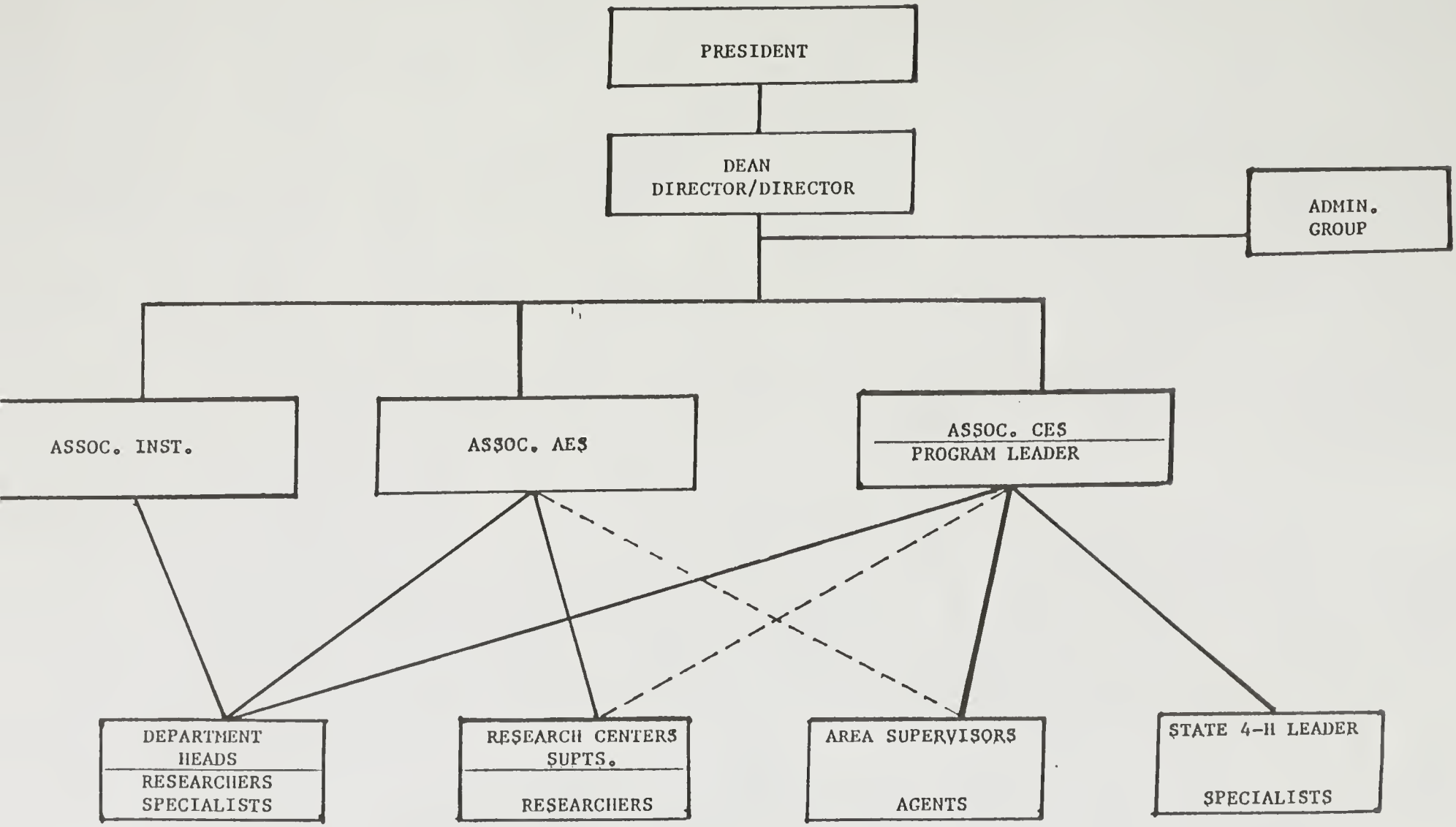
The mediation has worked well where it has been used. Mike also handed out a brochure on the linked deposit program. Four banks are currently participating in the program with nine loans totaling $383,000 with an average of 6 1/4 percent with the buy down so the rate to the operator is probably about 9 percent.

Unfinished Business

Terry moved and Bob seconded that we adjourn motion passed.

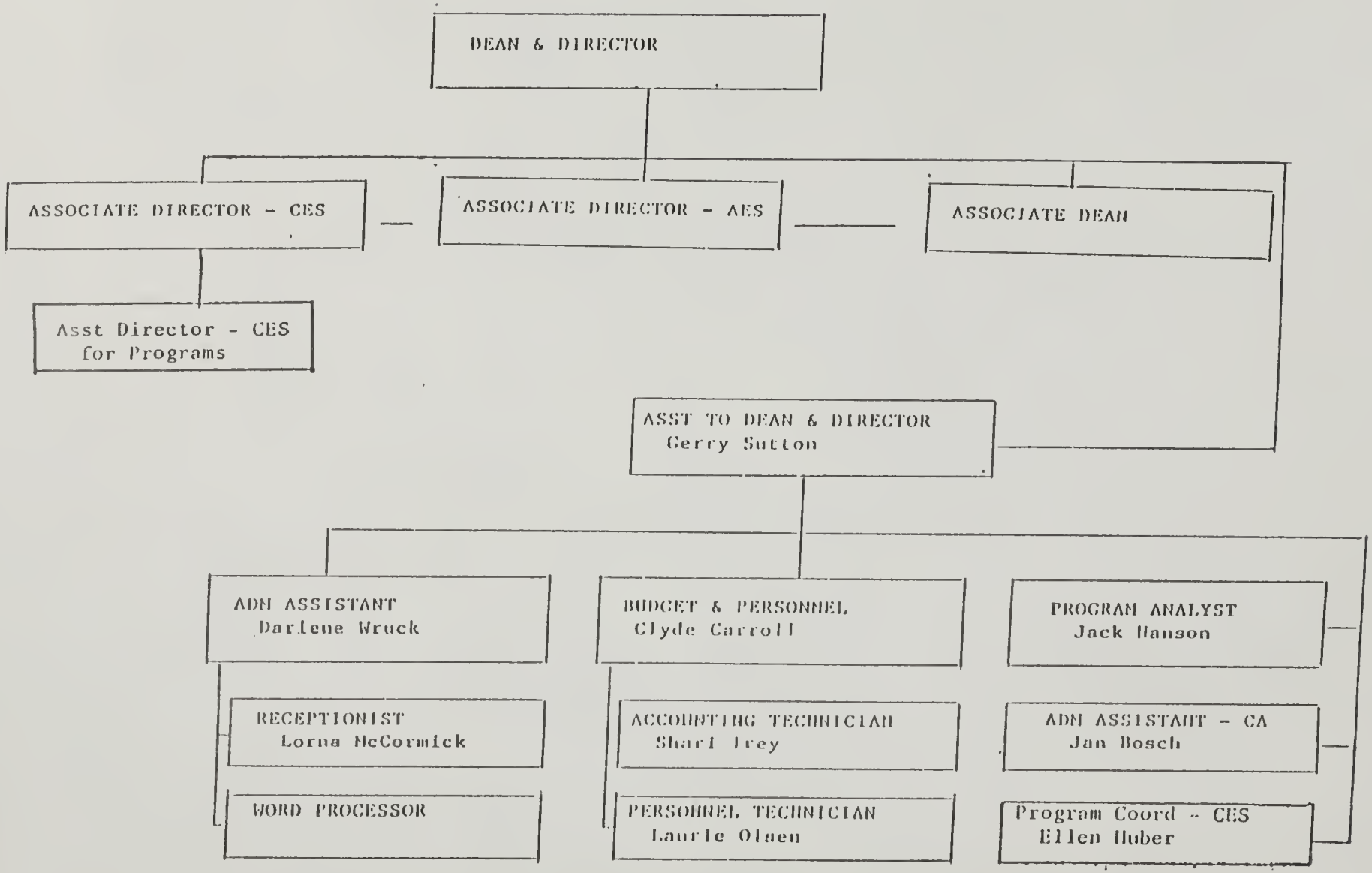
Attachment A

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE FOR MAES/MCES/CA



Attachment A

CONSOLIDATED AES/CES/CA



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RAD Executive Committee
October 7, 1987

Attendance:

Terry Murphy	LeRoy Luft
Mack Quinn	Ruth Lowis
Bob LeProwse	Mr. and Mrs. T. Aasheim
Mr. and Mrs. B. Harkness	Frank Thompson
Mr. and Mrs. Forest Farris	William Tietz
Mike Reichman	Don Ochsner
Monte Sellands	Andy Neal
John Jutila	James Flynn
Wayne Turner	

MSU Report - President William Tietz

Grants & Contracts received over $13 million in grants this past year.

Wyoming spends more money for 9,000 students at the University of Wyoming than Montana does for its entire university system.

The state shows no interest in bonding for new buildings.

No tax dollars in Museum, FWP building, or Technology Park. Therefore, an Extension building does not look encouraging.

Entrance requirements - looks like the state task force does not have prerogative on entrance requirement. The Board of Regents have already decided there will be requirements. President Tietz says MSU has always had some concern about the requirements. Changing to a semester system from the quarter system has been decided by the Board of Regents.

Mission of Montana State University - There has been a series of discussions about this issue. The President wants the best University for the dollars invested. He feels information is the mission; creation of information through research and collating information in the classroom, dissemination of information through Extension. MSU needs to match its program with high schools in the state. As far as research, MSU is singular in its research mission to pull together the research and development that is needed for the State of Montana.

We are about 75th in the nation for contract and grant funds.

By 1991, the change to semester systems will occur.

By 1988, entrance requirements will be adopted and by 1989 they will be implemented.

Several questions surfaced and President Tietz orchestrated several reactions, comments, and answers.

MSU currently has the most sophisticated computer system in the Northwest. President Tietz feels MSU is 2-4 years ahead of the other states.

MSU has a high regard for the quality of the undergraduate program. MSU has a lead role in the creation of knowledge for the state. This is created through an aggressive, high quality research effort.

President Tietz feels very good about the future of MSU in spite of the shortfall in state funding. Mack Quinn articulated the need for keeping people informed on the agricultural research efforts being conducted by MSU. Some discussion focused on what the media disseminates or prints and the problems it creates by focusing on what the media feels is important.

The RAD Executive Committee has written to the Board of Regents opposing admission requirements. We asked President Tietz to support our recommendation. He said he agreed with our position.

The meeting adjourned until 8:15 a.m. on Thursday morning.

October 8, 1987
Chairman Harkness called the meeting to order at 8:50 p.m.

Leroy Ellig welcomed us to the new FWP building.

<u>1080 and Columbia Ground Squirrels - Monte Sellands, State Department of Agriculture</u>

From 1979 to 1985 we were able to use 1080 under an emergency basis. Now they have had to submit for a full Section III registration (which takes a lot of work and a lot of data collection). It is costly to do this. It is estimated it takes

from $250,000 to $1 million and several years. There are extremely rigid guidelines.

Some things the EPA requires:
- what are the crop residues?
- minimum effective dosage for control

These two are extremely expensive because of the laboratory work involved. Montana is one of the few states that has a Columbia ground squirrel problem.

Damage includes farm machinery, crop loss, irrigation systems, livestock injury, and hay loss. Monte says there is no effective alternative to 1080 for control of Columbia ground squirrels.

Things that can be done:
- Contact Representatives and Senators
- Contact Governor
- Organizations can support the need for rodent control
- Involvement with the state vertebrate pest advisory council (contact Don Sullivan, State Department of Agriculture)
- Support DOA rodent control program

During the last legislative session, there was passed a five percent surcharge on baits. It will probably raise $12-15,000 per year.

Alliance for Science and Technology and the Technology Research Park - John Jutila, Vice President for Research, MSU

The Montana Science and Technology Alliance is a partnership of business, government, and universities in Montana. The Alliance was established in 1985 by the Montana Legislature to help strengthen and diversify the state's economy through the development and application of innovative science and technology. The 15 members of the MSTA board of directors were appointed by Governor Ted Schwinden, while the Alliance is staffed by the Montana Department of Commerce.

Its capital base consists of state funds, appropriated by the Legislature, which the Board invests in projects that it believes have outstanding technological and commercial potential for the economic future of Montana.

The Alliance is a commitment to the innovative technology future of the state. It is designed to support a program of innovation

which will solidify and expand--through technology research, development, and commercialization--the business and industrial base of the state.

The MSTA has four complimentary investment programs offering funding assistance:

- Research Capability Development - Investments will be used to create new, and strengthen existing, in-state private sector-university cooperative research and development efforts.
- Applied Technology Research - Investments will be made in product development projects leading to eventual commercialization and production.
- Technical Assistance and Technology Transfer - Investments will be utilized to transfer technologies to new and existing concerns in order to improve economic productivity and profitability.
- Seed Capital Investment - Investments will provide financial leverage to encourage private sector seed capital investment for early stage financing for applied technology commercialization.

All programs, except Technical Assistance and Technology Transfer, require at least a dollar-for-dollar match with non-state appropriated funds.

Entrepreneurs, businessmen, researchers, industrialists, and educators are all encouraged to apply to the MSTA for funding support. Priority will be given to those projects which address targeted technology areas and which incorporate both advanced technology and plans for full commercialization. The target technology areas are:

- minerals
- agriculture
- forestry
- energy
- materials science
- information services
- biotechnology
- microelectronics and computer sciences

While the MSTA welcomes all proposals, the areas of greatest interest to the Board are projects that:

- are innovative technology based
- contain strong potential for stimulating new job development or job retention
- involve university participation
- add value to basic, existing business and industry in the state

For the current biennium, funding of $2.7 million was provided by the legislature.

Concerning the question on patents, MSU will retain the patent on Bro-Tech and others that are developed by MSU scientists. Plus, MSU enters into licensing agreements.

Advanced Tech Park

The park is managed by a non-profit corporation and has been developed in cooperation with a local construction company. The building is totally leased even though the construction has not yet been completed. Roughly 90 acres are involved in the plan plus the possibility of another 70 acres if it is needed.

Attachment A outlines some MSU research that lend themselves to cooperation with the private sector and the Technology Park.

At present, MSU has a computer communications system in place. This is an arrangement with Digital Computer Company. We are now a Super Computer Node.

Programs and Policies of Fish, Wildlife and Parks - Jim Flynn

Director Flynn reviewed briefly the budget of FW&P. He distributed a 15-page document to each member in attendance that has budgetary detail. Attachment B is a pie chart summary of funding and expenditures.

For the 6½-acre site in Bozeman MSU was given about $98,000. The facility includes a regional headquarters and research unit.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion by Frank and seconded by Mike that we accept the minutes of last meeting as they were mailed.

Executive Director's Report

We have $217 in the treasury. Executive Director Aasheim reviewed correspondence that was sent as a result of the last meeting. We received correspondence from Glen Loomis on the appraisal of soil and water as a result of a RAD communique by Ole Ueland to Glen Loomis.

There was a wildlife subcommittee meeting in Helena. Frank represented the RAD Executive Committee. We received a copy of the minutes. Frank summarized the action.

There will be a New Directions for Rural Communities conference in Bozeman on October 20, 21, and 22.

Terry Murphy's alternate is now Dennis McComber. Bob LeProwse's alternate is now Gordon Sanders. LeRoy Luft is Director Welsh's designate to serve on the Executive Committee. Dr. Luft's alternate is Charles Rust.

Nominating Committee

Chairman Harkness appointed Forest Farris chairman, Mike Reichman and Torlief Aasheim.

Expired terms are Mack Quinn, Terry Murphy, Robert LeProwse, Frank Thompson, Willie Milliron and vacant position formally held by Arlene Hill. Therefore, there are six positions to be filled at the next annual meeting. Chairman Farris solicited several suggestions for nominations.

Suggestions for Annual Meeting December 7, 8, and 9 at the Grantree Inn in Bozeman

- Hands-On Researchers in Agri-Technology that could be discussed in-depth
- Organic Agriculture (what is organic)
- Possibly Al Kurki to discuss what is organic (definitions and regulations)
- Ground water pollution
- Development as perceived by Ian Davidson of D. A. Davidson, Inc.
- Maybe an hour at the annual meeting to look at the Directions of RAD. Mack feels keep it brief, listen, and then review later in Executive Committee.
- RAD's potential role in the public debate over policies affecting the natural resource base
- Stu Schwartz with his slide presentation
- Frontier Women and Waiting presentation - for banquet program

Discussion on Structure Change

It was agreed to have Torlief Aasheim as Treasure and Convention Chairman. The President and the Recording Secretary will divide the other responsibilities that Torlief now has been handling. It will be defined in greater detail at a later date.

Range Man of the Year and Range Technician

Torlief reviewed the nominations and there are several well-qualified individuals.

It was moved by Frank Thompson, seconded by Mack Quinn, and approved that Clare Clark receive the range technician award.

It was moved by Terry Murphy, seconded by Forest Farris, and approved that Stu Schwartz be presented the Range Man of the Year award.

Grain Variety Recommendations

It was moved by Mack Quinn and seconded by Frank Thompson that RAD support a recommended variety list. It was agreed that Torlief Aasheim so inform Ray Ditterline.

1080

RAD took official action to have Executive Director Aasheim write to the appropriate people (congressmen, senators, governor, Keith Kelly, EPA) that we support the registration of 1080 for the control of Columbia ground squirrels.

Correspondence

Aasheim was directed to write a letter to Mrs. Gene Donaldson expressing our appreciation of Gene's many efforts.

A Research Pioneer

Advanced Research for Advanced Technology

Many MSU research projects have a direct relationship to certain technology areas attractive to companies whose competitiveness may be increased with new advanced technologies emerging from this research and the manpower trained to use it.

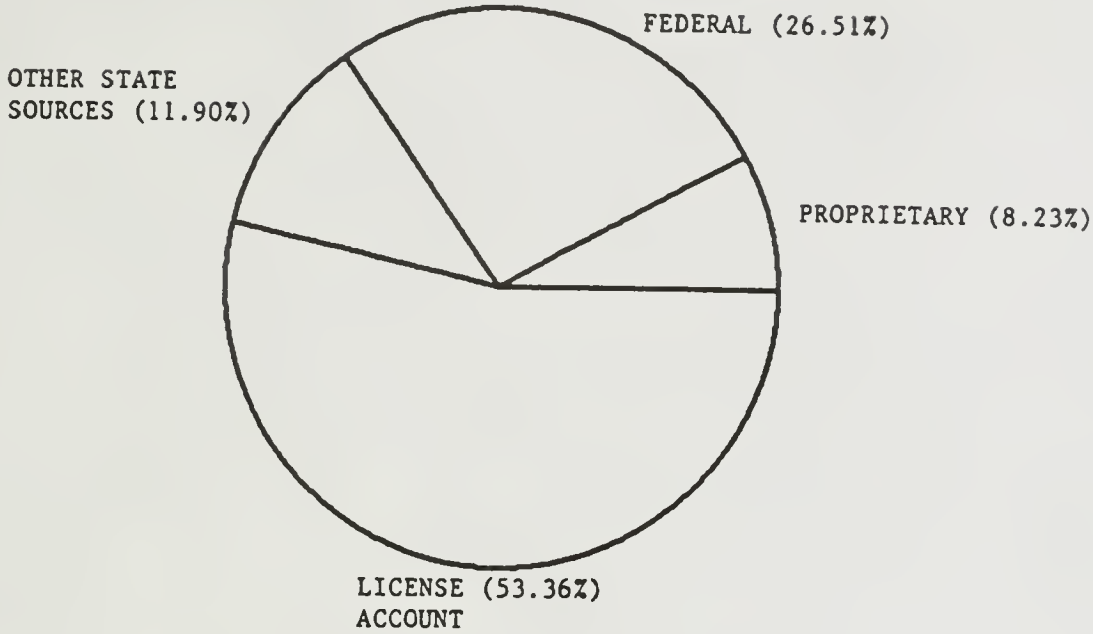
Technology Area	Types of Research Project
Agricultural Technology	***Biocontrol of Weeds*** Biocontrol of Insects New Chemicals & Fuels from Biomass Improved Plant Varieties Enhanced Food & Feed Products Products for Animal Health
Biotechnology	***Products & Processing*** Hazardous Waste Treatment Synthesis of New Chemicals Diagnostic (Biological) Reagents Vaccines & Serum
Engineering Technology	***Bioengineering & Medical Instrumentation*** Microelectronics Cloud Seeding Technology Manufacturing Engineering Public Works Engineering Computer Graphics and Image Analysis
Communication/ Information Technology	***Computer Programs & Modeling*** Data Bases & Analysis Telecommunication Systems Interactive Video/Computer Production
Material Sciences	***Thin Films & Small Aggregate Materials*** Conductive Polymers (Plezomers) Biofilms & Corrosion Mitigation Catalysis
Energy Technology	***Coal Conversion Technologies*** Alternate Energy Technologies (wind, solar, etc.) Laser Technology Biofuels Reclamation Research

Advanced Technology Inc.

Attachment B

FY-88 OPERATING BUDGET
INCLUDES BUDGET MODIFICATIONS
$26,553,491

SOURCE OF FUNDING



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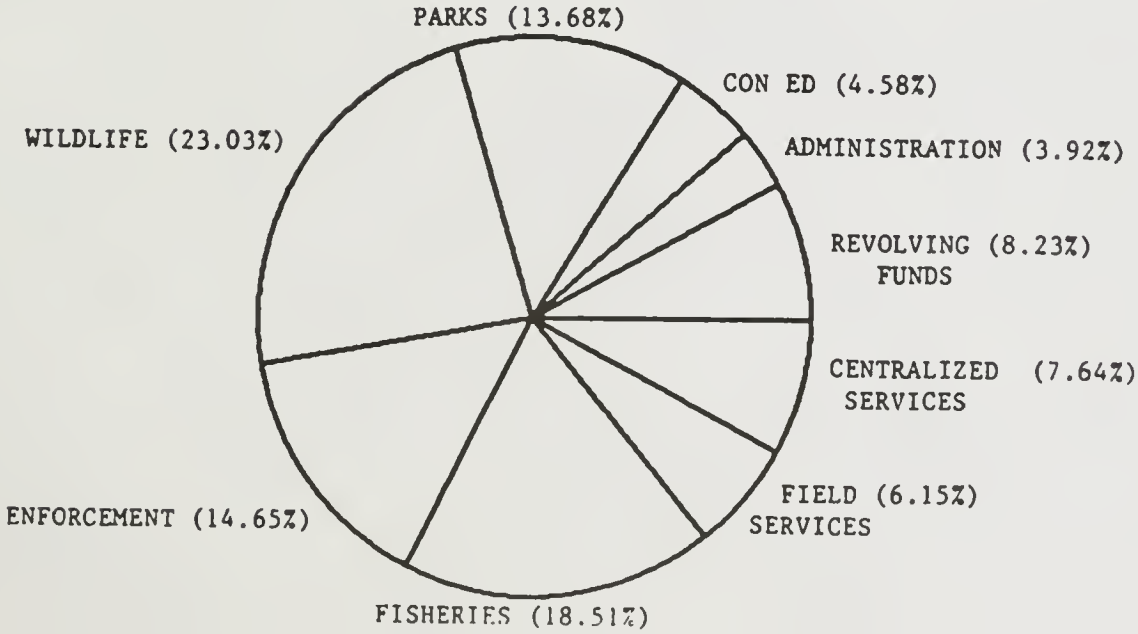

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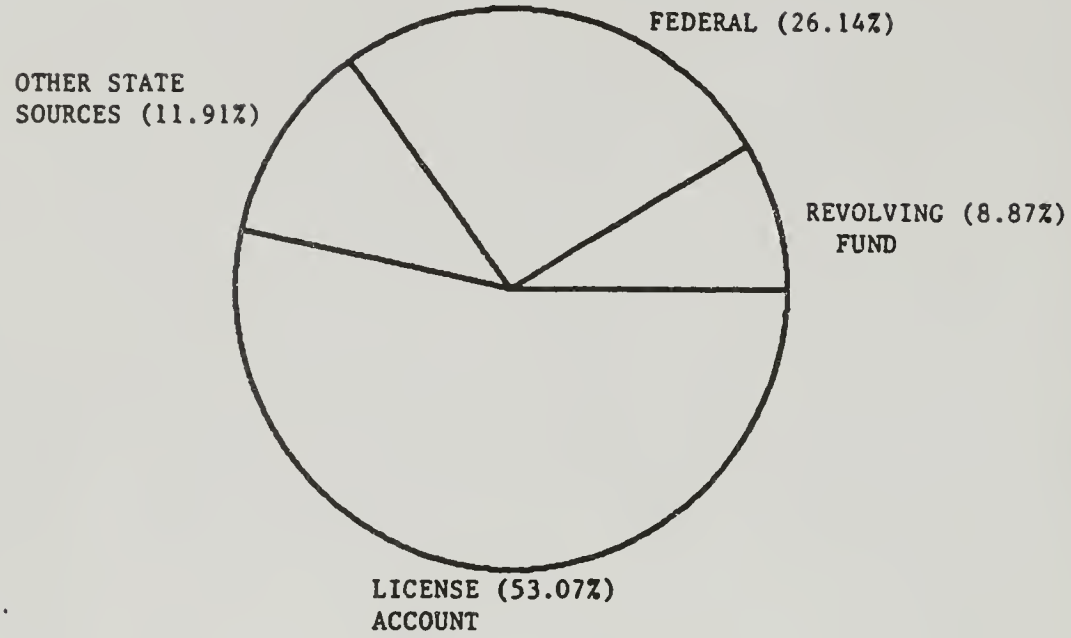

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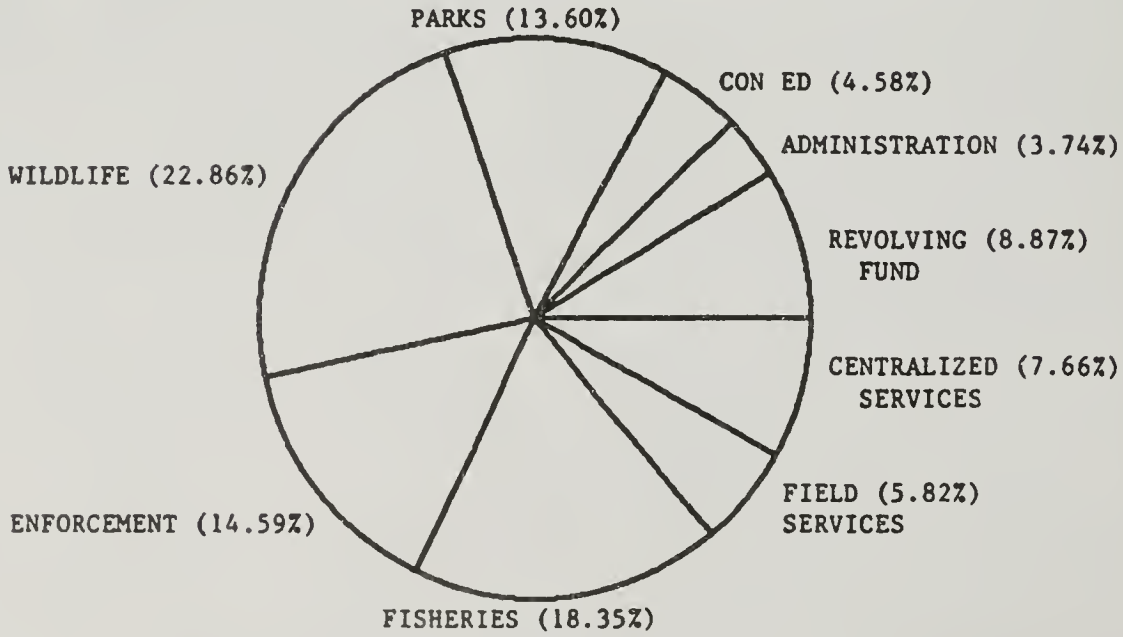

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TO: R.A.D. Subcommittee Chairmen

FROM: Torlief S. Aasheim
Executive Director and Treasurer

RE: Procedures

In order for each of you to be more clearly informed as to how the Executive Committee would like to have you function, the following procedures are outlines.

1. Matters of policy, controversial issues and/or resolutions should be processed through the Executive Committee for their consideration. Upon approval of the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee will transmit the subcommittee's recommendations to the proper authority. In cases of emergency or where immediate action is required the subcommittee chairman should contact the chairman of the Executive Committee who will then determine the action to be taken.

2. The Executive Committee expects each Subcommittee to meet during the time of the annual meeting and at least one other time prior to the annual meeting.

3. In the Annual Report prepared in 1986, one of the Executive Committee members who is assigned to a Subcommittee is listed as the Chief Representative. This individual is expected to attend your Subcommittee meetings during the time of the annual meeting and such other subcommittee meetings as he can attend. Minutes and agendas of subcommittee meetings should be sent to him as well as the chairman of the Executive Committee, the Executive Secretary and the Recording Secretary.

There are several reasons for sending the minutes to Executive Committee members as suggested above. One of the reasons is that the Executive Committee will have an opportunity to review resolutions and related matters before the annual meeting or act sooner if necessary.

4. The matter of awards is an important function of each subcommittee. The procedure accepted by the Executive Committee is that recommendations for an award, either in the field relating to the field of the Subcommittee or for exceptional performance as a Subcommittee member, shall be submitted to the Executive Committee prior to August 1 of that year.

   A list of nominees is to be submitted to the R.A.D. Executive Committee by August for evaluation. Nominations should be submitted based on the criteria listed below and a resume provided for the following:

   (a) Accomplishments
   (b) Public Relations
   (c) Commitment to the Art and Science of their Profession
   (d) Related Activities and Affiliations
   (e) Acceptance by Associates (community)
   (f) Exceptional Public Service

   At least two nominations shall be submitted to the Executive Committee, from the field or subject matter area which the subcommittee represents, and these nominees shall be the result of action by the subcommittee members at a regularly scheduled meeting and not the result of action taken by individuals separate from such a meeting.

   Nominees for exceptional performance, as a member of a subcommittee, shall also be the result of action at a regularly scheduled meeting, but only one nominee needs to be submitted. The Executive Committee will handle awards granted to subcommittee chairmen.

   A statement of justification to support nominees should accompany their nomination to the Executive Committee. Not more than one award will be given from the field of each subject matter area each year.

   "Blossoms bring to me today whether pink or white or red. I'd rather have one blossom now than a truck-load when I'm dead."

5. Proceedings of subcommittee activities during the year should be provided to the Recording Secretary prior to the time that the subcommittee chairman leaves the site of the annual meeting. It is essential that this be done if those preparing the annual report are to be able to get the report out in a timely fashion.

   The proceedings to be left with the Recording Secretary should give:

   (a) the number of meetings
   (b) location of and attendance of each meeting
   (c) minutes of each meeting including minutes of the meeting held during the time of the annual meeting (the minutes provided for the proceedings at the annual meeting need not be typed but should be legible).
   (d) A separate and updated listing of subcommittee membership should be submitted along with the minutes indicated above. The Vice Chairman and Secretary should be designated in this listing.

   A copy of the annual report given at the meeting should briefly summarize the activities of the past year and include matters which need action such as resolutions which have not previously been acted upon. A copy of this report should also be left with the Recording Secretary before the Chairman leaves the annual meeting. It need not be typed but should be legible.

6. Each subcommittee chairman will be reimbursed for postage to the extent of $10.00 upon submitting a bill to the Executive Secretary.

7. A copy of the By-laws is included in each annual report and should be consulted with regard to many operational procedures.

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cc: Subcommittee Secretaries
Executive Committee Members

p.s. The annual meeting this year will be held in the Grantree Inn in Bozeman, Montana, I-90 and 7th Ave. North. The dates for the meeting are December 7, 8 & 9. The Executive Committee will meet on the evening of the 7th. The general session and subcommittee meetings are scheduled for the 8th and 9th. An agenda for the meeting will follow soon.

Rates at the Grantree are 1 person/1 bed - $24.00; 2 people/1 bed - $32.00; 2 people/2 beds - $36.00. If you ask for reservations there, mention that you will be attending the R.A.D. meeting.

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DATE: December 21, 1987

TO: R.A.D. Membership

FROM: Torlief S. Aasheim
Treasurer
State R.A.D. Committee

RE: Annual Meeting and Dues

Attached are the minutes of the Annual meeting. This is the last time you will be receiving the minutes from me. I have retired as Executive Director of R.A.D. Charley Rust will assume most of my past duties and will serve as Executive Secretary. I will remain as Treasurer for the next year.

In my role as Treasurer I remind you that dues for 1988 are now payable, if you have not already paid them. They should be sent to me at 517 West Koch, Bozeman.

The dues schedule is as follows:

Annual	$10.00
Life	$50.00
Associate	$25.00
Sustaining	$100.00

Prompt payment of dues would be appreciated so that membership listings can be completed for the Annual report.

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MINUTES
MEETING OF THE
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MONTANA RURAL AREA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

December 7, 1987
GranTree Inn - Bozeman, MT

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Mack Quinn
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Dave McClure
Andy Neal
Forest Ferris
Terry Murphy
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Willie Milliron
Roy Linn

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harkness at 7:25 p.m. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted as mailed. The agenda and correspondence were reviewed by Executive Director Aasheim. Items of correspondence included, information on admission standards, the switch to the semester system, letters were written to John Jutila and President Teitz for their part of the previous meeting, a condolence letter for the family of Gene Donaldson, a letter to Congressmen Williams and Marlene about 1080 and a letter to all subcommittee chairmen. Letters were sent to Ian Davidson and Governor Ted Schwinden asking them to be part of the speakers' program at the annual meeting on December 8.

A letter was received from the Montana Department of Agriculture asking for nominations for the Young Farmer Couples Conference which will be held on February 3-6, 1988. RAD will not submit nominations but the organizations represented will make their own nominations to the State Department of Agriculture.

The financial report was presented and reviewed by the Executive Director. The balance as of November 1, 1987 is $156.89. It was moved

by Frank Thompson and seconded by Willie Milliron that the financial report be accepted and the motion passed.

The Executive Director reported that he no longer has any rural area development lapel pins and requested the permission to purchase an additional quantity. The previous ones were purchased at a unit cost of $.99 each in quantities of 100-250. It was moved by Willie Milliron and seconded by Frank Thompson that the Executive Director order 150 pins to be sold at approximately $2.00 each. This price will help pay for some of the ones that will be given away to special friends of RAD.

The Executive Director reviewed the assignments of the members of the RAD Executive Committee to take sections of the program the following day and indicated that the registration table will be open for registration at 7:30 a.m. The publication titled, "Story of Rural Area Development", needs to be reprinted. At the time of reprinting, it will be necessary to make some changes on the cover page and some of the information on the back page. It was moved by Mack Quinn and seconded by Willie Milliron that the publication be reprinted. The motion passed.

Aasheim informed the Executive Committee that after the annual meeting he would be stepping down as the Executive Director of the State RAD Committee. This position will then be filled by Charles Rust as Executive Secretary and Aasheim will continue on as the treasurer of the committee, assist with the transition and be chairman of next year's annual meeting.

Terry Murphy read a letter from Elsie Redland which was a response to a letter that he had sent to her in which he questioned the establishment of admission standards in the Montana university system. Content of the letter was discussed thoroughly. It was suggested that a letter be prepared for the signatures of all of the Executive Committee members and sent to the Task Force on Admission Standards, Montana University System, and the Board of Regents. This letter will indicate the feeling of the Executive RAD Committee on the proposed changes in admission standards and other matters. Discussion was extensive with the consensus that the RAD Executive Committee opposed the standards as they have been proposed.

It was moved by Willie Milliron, seconded by Frank Thompson that the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Minutes prepared by
Roy Linn,
Acting Secretary

MINUTES
ANNUAL MEETING
MONTANA RURAL AREA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
GranTree Inn
Tuesday, December 8, 1987 - 8:45 a.m.

Chairman Bernard Harkness called the meeting to order. The morning program began with Terry Murphy as M.C. Terry Murphy introduced Ian B. Davidson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, D.A. Davidson & Company. He spoke on the topic, "It's a Real World Out There for Montana." Mr. Davidson indicated that the State of Montana has had some difficulty, including the state of the Montana economy, the national and the world economy. Montana is basically ag oriented but has an industrial mentality. He indicated that we have to realize who we are and what we can do and we cannot do. Working together is a very realistic concept. Growth in Montana comes from small business as well as big business. There are three things we need as quoted by Lou Holt, football coach of Notre Dame, "They are trust, commitment and love." In Montana, education is a major part of our economy. In Montana, we keep score by comparison to what is happening in the nation. We are not doing too well. We are 47th in business startup out of 50 states. However, we have a life style in Montana that is very envious of other states. Additional information presented by Mr. Davidson can be heard on a cassette tape.

The morning program continued after a coffee break where Mack Quinn was the M.C. Mr. Quinn introduced the next speaker, Alan Baquet, Extension Economist at Montana State University. His topic, "Farm Survivability, is Bigger, Better?." Information relative to this report can be found on the paper he presented at that meeting.

The morning adjourned for lunch at 11:45 a.m. Lunch was served and Frank Thompson introduced the quest speaker for the luncheon, the Honorable Ted Schwinden, Governor of the State of Montana. His topic, "What is and What are the Future Choices for Montana?." Mr. Schwinden's comments may be heard on cassette tape.

The business meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Bernard Harkness. Chairman Harkness asked the group for their opinion of the morning's speakers. It was unanimously agreed that the sessions, the two speakers were excellent and that the Governor presented some excellent information for the group.

Report of the Executive Director. The financial report was distributed to the membership and the Executive Director went through the financial report item by item to give some detail of where the money was spent and as of November 1, 1987, the bank balance is $156.89. It was moved by Frank Thompson, seconded by

Steve Laurson that the report be approved. The motion was passed.

The Executive Director indicated that the Montana Rural Area Development Committee started 27 years ago through federal legislation under the Eisenhower administration. The RAD Committee was set up by Torlief Aasheim as the Director of the Cooperative Extension Service. Montana is about the only original RAD Committee that still exists. He indicated that subcommittees are a great part of the makeup of the RAD Executive Committee. Torlief is to resign as Executive Director after the annual meeting. This position will be filled by Charles Rust as Executive Secretary. Torlief will still be around to help with the annual meeting and be the Treasurer of the State RAD Executive Committee.

Chairman Harkness called for a report of the Nomination Committee. The Nomination Committee presented a slate of candidates to be elected for a two-year term to the Montana RAD Executive Committee. They are as follows:

Terry Murphy
Frank Thompson
Bob LeProwse
Connie Townsend
Don Ocshner

Bob Evertz was nominated for a one-year term to fill the unexpired term of Arlene Hill. Chairman Harkness called for nominations from the floor. Willie Milliron was nominated from the floor for a two-year term on the RAD Executive Committee. The membership elected Terry Murphy, Frank Thompson, Bob LeProwse, Connie Townsend and Don Ocshner to serve as members of the Montana RAD Executive Committee for two years and Bob Evertz to serve for one year.

Chairman Harkness asked the membership of RAD for any comments or suggestions that might make RAD better working organization. Suggestions are as follows:

1. That we work closely with U.S. Department of Agriculture.

2. Some members feel the need for the RAD to continue their efforts to help the workmen compensation situation.

3. Encourage subcommittees to work harder to obtain new members on the committee which may bring new ideas to RAD rather than having the same people talking to themselves.

4. It was suggested that RAD reestablish the Education Committee and a Natural Resources Committee. This

could be done for a period of one to two years to present and address problems in both of those areas. Each of the committees could be assigned tasks by the Executive Committee.

A motion to adjourn and was moved and seconded. Business meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Subcommittees convened in rooms as assigned for the balance of the afternoon.

At 6 p.m. there was a no-host social hour with Ed Harding at the piano. The annual dinner which was scheduled for 7:15 p.m. got underway on time with Vaughn Chadbourne on the electric accordion. Awards were presented to Stew Schwartz from Cascade County as Rangeman of the Year and Clair Clark employed by the Bureau of Land Management as Range Technician of the Year.

Parm Hacker was presented a plaque in appreciation for his many years as Chairman of the R.A.D. Livestock and Range SubCommittee.

The program continued with Linda Peavy and Ursula Smith presenting a dialogue "Women in Waiting in the Westward Movement."

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BREAKFAST MEETING
GranTree Inn - December 9, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chairman Bernard Harkness. Dr. Luft presented a proposal from the counties in the triangle area for grant money from the weed trust fund to help increase their effort for weed control. The title of the proposal was "Get Obnoxious with Noxious Weeds," and he asked support of the RAD Executive Committee. Some discussion prevailed and it was moved by Terry Murphy, seconded by Dr. Luft that RAD support this proposal. The motion passed.

A letter was circulated about a hearing held on November 30th that would allow a certain number of noxious weed seeds per pound of seed. Discussion prevailed about why there should be zero tolerance for weed seeds in any certified seed that was sold on the market. It was moved by Torlief, seconded by Dr. Luft, that RAD support the proposal that the RAD Executive Committee would be opposed to having any noxious weed seed in seed that is being sold. Executive Director Aasheim, is to prepare a letter and send it to Roy Bjornson, Department of Agriculture, that the RAD Executive Committee oppose any noxious weed seeds in seed that is being sold.

Election of Officers by the Executive Committee of RAD

Chairman Harkness called for nominations from the floor for position of Chairman and Vice Chairman. Nominations for Chairman were Frank Thompson and Bernard Harkness. Nominations closed. A vote was taken and Frank Thompson became the Chairman of the Executive RAD Committee with Bernard Harkness as the Vice Chairman. The move by Dr. Luft and seconded by Connie Townsend that Torlief be the Treasurer of the RAD Executive Committee. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

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Sub committees reconvened at 8:15 a.m. and adjourned at 10:30 a.m. At 11 a.m. sub committee reports began with Willie Milliron as Chairman.

At the noon luncheon Stew Schwartz gave a slide presentation on the range management practices on his ranch.

Sub committee reports continued through the afternoon until 3 p.m.

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
GranTree Inn - December 9, 1987

Chairman Frank Thompson called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. First order of business was to provide permission for the Executive Director to have the RAD stationary reprinted with the update of membership names. Chairman Thompson then asked for any business that required immediate action by the Executive Committee.

1. The obnoxious weed seed being sold in certified seed. Action was to send a letter to Roy Bjornson. At this date, the RAD Committee proposes a zero tolerance of noxious weeds being sold in any certified seed in Montana.

2. Proposed change in admission standards for the University system. A letter to be sent to the Task Force on Admission Standards and the Board of Regents on the above subject was signed by members of the Executive Committee, copy attached.

3. Resolution by the Livestock Range Committee. The Executive Committee send a letter to agencies responsible for managing the range on public lands to encourage those agencies to use the SCS Ecological Site and Condition Classes Method for range inventory. This passed and a letter will be drafted and mailed by the Executive Director.

4. Resolution by the Forestry Subcommittee to encourage the Executive Committee to write a letter to the congressional delegation in Washington D.C. to further support the RREA funding at its present level or above. A letter will be drafted by the Executive Director and mailed to the congressional delegation.

Executive Committee Assignments to Subcommittees

1. Livestock and Range - Connie Townsend and Bob Evertz

2. Safety and Chemical Subcommittee - Don Ocshner

3. Weeds - Dr. LeRoy Luft

4. Recreation & Wildlife - Frank Thompson

5. Land & Water Subcommittee - Terry Murphy

6. Forestry Subcommittee - Forest Ferris

Alternates for Executive Committee Members

Don Ochsner - Andy Neal of Bozeman Farm Bureau

Connie Townsend - to be named.

Bob Evertz - to be named.

Topics for the next meeting:

1. Review all resolutions recommended by the subcommittees.

2. Leadership principles.

3. Possibility of establishing a business subcommittee.

4. Work with the State Legislative Council to obtain information about Workmen Compensation Programs in South Dakota and Idaho.

The next meeting will be held February 22nd and 23rd in Bozeman at the GranTree Inn with an evening dinner meeting at 6 p.m. on the 22nd.

Minutes prepared by
Roy Linn
Acting Secretary

FORESTRY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT TO RAD
ANNUAL REPORT 1987

KALISPELL MEETING - JOINT WITH RAD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 15 total attendees

Report on: Montana Reparian Association (Interagency Cooperation) (P. Hanson)
Extension Forestry - RREA funding (S. Laursen)
Workman's Compensation (R. LeProwse)
Forest and Conservation Experiment Station (R. Pfister)
Small Timber Utilization and Management Working Group (C. Fiedler)

Field Tours: Whole-Tree Thinning Techniques and Equipment Demonstration
Christmas Tree Plantation Management (S. Clemenger)
Coram Experimental Forest (W. Schmidt & R. Shearer)
Desert Mountain Forest Products (A. Hay)

BOZEMAN MEETING - 12/7-8/87 17 members attending

A. FOREST LAND AND TIMBER TARATION. Randy Piearson, Dept. of Revenue reported on current study of alternative (productivity) taxation methods for forest lands. Report (or portions) will be available for review early in 1988. Forestry Subcommittee welcomes the opportunity to review the draft report.

B. CONTROL OF FOREST PRACTICES ON PRIVATE LAND - Discussion led by Roger Bermier, Division of Forestry, Hugh Zackheim, Environmental Quality Council, Steve Laursen, Society of American foresters.

Legislature diverted EQC to conduct interim study, Forestry Subcommittee will have representation on subcommittees and will report to RAD next December. Society of American Foresters is sponsoring a public forum on the issue February 5-6, 1988 in Missoula. (Open to public -- contact Laursen for details).

C. EXTENSION FORESTRY - Steve Laursen presented a report and video on the new, highly successful state Natural Resources Youth Camp held at Lubrecht in August 1987. Plans are well established for the 1988 camp August 7-12 by the Board of Directors and fund raising is now in progress. Programs include 1) Forestry, 2) Wildlife, 3) Range, 4) Water, 5) Soils, 6) Recreation and 7) Survival Skills. The camp will be at Lubrecht in 1988 and other locations are being evaluated for future camps. A promotional video and speakers are available for interested groups and potential sponsors.

RRE Act has been reauthorized for the next ten years. Funding increases have been recommended by both Houses and the budget bill is pending. Request RAD Action -- Request immediate letter from RAD to congressional delegates endorsing funding at or above the traditional 2.5 million dollar level. (Follow-up to letter of 2/18/87).

Recommendation to RAD

1. Establishment of a new Natural Resources Education Subcommittee (Follow-up to 1985 Resolution) to meet evident need for networking of all organizations involved in youth education.

2. Have the new subcommittee meet and present a general program for RAD during the first morning of next years annual meeting in order to avoid conflicts with established subcommittees and provide an opportunity for support by existing subcommittees.

3. Invite the Office of Public Instruction to participate in a cooperative, coordinated program. (Follow-up to 1986 recommendation)

Invitation - The Forestry Subcommittee hereby invites the RAD Executive Committee and chairman of all Subcommittees to meet jointly during the week of August 7-12 where one half-day will be spent visiting the 1988 Natural Resources Youth Camp.

New Officers Elected for 1988-89

Chairman	-	Howard G. McDowell
Vice-Chairman	-	Harold Hunter
Secretary	-	Al Chase
Treasurer	-	Roger Bergmier

RAD
Attendance Land & Water Subcommittee
December 8, 1987

NAME	ORGANIZATION	ADDRESS
Ole Neland	Rancher (State RCAC)	Silver Bow
Jim Sims	MSU - Plant & Soil Science	Bozeman
Tom Casey	Bureau of Reclamation	Billings
Ralph Bergantine	Soil Conservation Service	Bozeman
Roy E. Huffman	MSU - Retired	Bozeman
Rus Twedt	Farmer	Rudyard
Jo Brunner	MWDA	Power
James S. Johnson	Soil Conservation Service	Bozeman
Ray Beck	CDD/DNRC	Helena
James Yedlicka	Carbon CD	Fromberg
Ruth Lawis	APA & MWG	Bozeman

MINUTES
RAD LAND & WATER SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
December 8, 1987

Chairman Ueland called meeting to order at 2:50 P.M.

Beck read resolutions that were passed during the 1986 session. Discussion followed. Action taken includes:

Resolution (#1) Executive committee has taken no action -- Brunner discussed the water research data program, the committee motioned to coordinate all water research in Montana. It was moved and seconded that a follow-up on the water research data program be made. (Passed)

Resolution (#2) No action on the subcommittee establishment was taken. Brunner discussed problems with CRP sign-up and the need for education and explanation. It was moved and seconded that resolution #2 be followed up and it was recommended to the executive committee with emphasis on education. (Passed)

Resolution (#3) It was moved and seconded to continue action. (Passed)

Resolution (#4) It was moved and seconded that funds legislated for specific uses such as RIT not be redirected for unrelated uses. (Passed)

Resolution (#5) It was moved and seconded to continue. (Passed)

Resolution (#6) Information item by Bob Sewick replaced Stan Clemmons. No action was taken.

Resolution (#7) $500,000 was obtained to be used for agricultural projects that are in favor of the subcommittee.

Resolution (#8) It was moved and seconded to continue this resolution. (Passed). CRP practices on riparian areas were discussed.

Resolution (#9) Rules and regulations are drafted and final technical review has taken place.

Resolution (#10) Suggested amendment that railroads and federal land agencies participate in weed control was moved, seconded and passed.

Ueland called on Jim Sims to make his presentation. Ueland read portions of an article from the August 17, 1987 issue of the Livestock Market Digest that describes issues that the subcommittee is working on and as an introduction to Sims talk.

Jim Sims gave a slide presentation and discussion on low input farming and cropping systems, sometimes called organic farming or as he prefers it to be called sustainable agriculture. Sims reviewed the congressional legislation that proposes funding for low input farming activities. The House bill has 2.6 million dollars proposed and the Senate 9 million dollars. Sims showed slides of research projects that are designed to develop new cropping systems. A discussion followed.

RESOLUTIONS
LAND AND WATER SUBCOMMITTEE, DECEMBER 9, 1987

(1) A resolution to support efforts to coordinate a soil and water resource basis. A follow up is needed on the Water Research Data Program.
(2) A resolution for RAD to come up with a working subcommittee to develop a viable alternative to secure additional funding to assist with education and compliance with the 1985 farm bill. It is recommended that the RAD executive committee follow up on this with emphasis on education.
(3) Encourage major forest landowners to continue to exchange information to minimize cumulative impacts on water quality. It is recommended that RAD continue action.
(4) Asks that RAD support Resource Indemnity Trust Funding (RIT) be directed towards research and actions that result in long-term resource conservation and away from short-term solutions to the state's general fund deficit problems. It is recommended that RAD voice its position that funds legislated for specific uses such as RIT, (and Department of State Land earmarked funds for conservation projects on state lands) not be redirected for unrelated uses.
(5) RAD continue to support various ways to protect prime and important farm land in Montana from its not being available for agricultural use now or in the future.
(6) RAD approve the acquisition of $500,000 of energy rebate funds to be used for agricultural projects.

(7) RAD supports ongoing research efforts to establish the best management practices for riparian areas to include Conservation Reserve Program practices on such areas.
(8) RAD to promote reclamation of lands disturbed for highway construction purposes including abandoned roadways in order to reduce the spread of noxious weeds. Also recommended that railroads and public land agencies participate in this effort.
(9) RAD Executive committee support research in sustainable agriculture to determine the range of annual precipitation in which pulse legume, green manure cropping is economically feasible, determine the amount of organic matter on existing cropland, and development markets for pulse crops. Further that research be made available to farmers and ranchers who desire to practice so called organic or sustainable agriculture or a combination of methods.

Without knowing the exact reasoning for the inclusion of the material on pages 7 through 9 of the 1987 Rural Area Development Committee Annual meeting program, it is assumed by the reader that such material indicates educational information supported by the RAD committee.

The RAD Land Water subcommittee (Chairman Ole Ueland) wishes to offer protest to the material on page 8, taken from the "Conservation Magazine, 1987' and entitled 'Surplus Crops'.

It is this committees opinion that the statements made by Congressman Miller and repeated in this program are derogatory and misleading and in the very least misrepresent the true role of the Bureau of Reclamation in the development of irrigation projects, the benefits of those projects to the economy of the communities they exist in, to the various states and to the nation as a whole, and of the role of the farmers who live and work on those projects, and who pay the costs of operating, building and maintaining them in addition to the cost of the water they use.

Mr. Miller is a supporter of other uses of agriculture water and he not only does not take into consideration the flood control benefits to down stream communities from such reclamation projects he neglects to consider the benefits to the recreational users in many instances subsidized solely by the irrigators, nor does he publicize the confusion and the cost to the nation should this program he authored be instigated.

RECOMMENDATION

The Land and Water subcommittee request that hereafter such informational material included in the program be labeled as such with a disclaimer by RAD if it is not RAD policy.

CHEMICAL SUBCOMMITTEE
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The Chemical Subcommittee commenced 12-8-87, 2:40 p.m. Present were Chairman Wayne Turner, Steve Kohler, Mt. Department of State Lands, Ralph Olsen, MSU Chemistry Department, Barbra Mullin, MT. Department of Agriculture, and Sam Hofman. Guest Frank Daniels was also in attendance.

Discussion was held on some areas covered in previous meetings, including pesticide containers and hazardous waste disposal. Suggested improvements in containers included: standardized sizes, recyclable, or returnable containers, or use of soluble containers. On hazardous waste disposal, emphasis on eliminating generation of hazardous waste was stressed. New technology in application equipment, including aircraft in-flight rinsing over the application site, and injection systems on ground sprayers, will help eliminate generation of wastes, as these systems come into popular use. Disposal of non-recylcable containers, after triple-rinsing, is legal in sanitary landfills, but all are not accepting them, especially containers previous containing hazardous chemicals.

Still seen as a problem for producers and applicators is an economical method of disposing of unavoidable waste, including materials generated from accidental spills. Out-of-state disposal sites are available, but expensive. Alternatives mentioned included incineration, chemical reactions to neutralize, and microbial breakdown, where research is now ongoing at M.S.U.

The impact of the Endangered Species Act on agri-chemical use was discussed, with no recommendations for action.

Concern over possible contamination from chemicals improperly applied through irrigation systems, chemigation was voiced. Montana presently has no regulation of this practice. This committee will bring together information on practices and safety equipment available to prevent surface and groundwater contamination, and suggest possible rules for the Dept. of Agriculture, to avoid potential environmental damage.

Sam Hofman brought to the committee's attention the problems of determining who is in command in a major chemical spill situation, specifically referencing a September 1985 sulfuric acid spill near Townsend, and which public agencies must bear initial financial responsibility for containment and cleanup. We will attempt to compile a checklist referencing Disaster & Emergency Services and Mt. Dept. of Health regulations concerning accident site supervision.

Wayne C. Turner, Chairman

RAD FARM SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE
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The farm safety SubCommittee met December 8, 1987, Room 217 GranTree Inn in conjunction with the RAD Annual Meeting.

Six of the 10 committee members were present. Two members of the executive committee were present for about half the meeting.

We reviewed minutes of the previous meeting.

Executive Secretary Aasheim mailed information policy of procedure.

These policies and procedures were discussed in depth. It was the consensus of the committee to abide by the procedures.

The farm safety program needs to maintain a list of accident statistics. This was done in prior year, but due to budget restraints the subscription to the Superior clipping service was dropped.

We discussed various ways that were possible to obtain reprints of accidents within the state.

The Montana chauffeur license law changes January 1, 1988. There seems to be considerable confusion about the type of endorsement a driver will need. New endorsements of the Jan 1, 1988 requires that all drivers of"commercial" vehicles be licensed for and examined in the type of vehicle which they drive.

Refer to Existing chauffeur may be "grandfathered".

EXISTING CHAUFFEURS MAY BE "GRANDFATHERED"

Senate Bill 212 made provisions for the current holders of Montana Chauffeurs licenses to obtain the new "Classified" license at the time they renew. The law states: after January 1, 1988, the holder of a chauffeur's license who is renewing and wishes to obtain a commercial vehicle operators endorsement may do so upon paying the appropriate fees and complying with the requirements established by the department.

There will be two types of commercial vehicle endorsements as described in the article on "Chauffeurs license ends" elsewhere on this page.

Each "type" will be divided into classifications (the same for both types),
see the diagram on this page.

Type 1 endorsement will be required to meet current federal regulations, and for renewal will need:

1. A current ICC Medical Certificate
2. A certification of experience from your present or previous employer.
3. A "good" driving record (not year defined); and
4. An affidavit stating that you are not licensed in any other state.

Type 2 endorsement will be required to meet State of Montana regulations which will probably include:

1. A medical statement (similar to that filled out for insurance policies).
2. A certification of experience from your present or previous employer.
3. A "good" driving record (not yet defined); and
4. An affidavit stating that you are not licensed in any other state.

This year the Vo Ag students are working on a safety program designed to increase safety with tractor fuels.

They are encouraging the exchange of present fuel tank caps for gas driven tractors to be replaced by a vented cap which will reduce vapor pressures and help eliminate fires.

Tractor companies will provide the new cap if the owners will replace them.

Move for acceptance.

LIVESTOCK & RANGE SUBCOMMITTEE
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Seventeen participated in our meeting on December 8, 1987. Technical aspects of the methodology that we use to inventory rangeland were discussed. A resolution supporting the retention of the currently-used ecological site and condition classes method was passed. Additional resolutions: 1)opposing the reintroduction of wolves into Montana, and 2) encouraging the USDA Agricultural Research Service to increase their efforts in finding biological agents to control range weeds, 3) encouraging ASCS cost-sharing on range weeds, 4) expressed our appreciation for the sponsors of our awards, were passed.

Frank Sparks accepted the responsibility of developing a video to document the terror that Three-Toes (a single wolf) caused in S.E. Montana, NE Wyoming, and the Western Dakotas. Frank hopes to have the production completed before the next meeting of the RAD Executive Committee.

The Subcommittee met in September reviewed nominations, and selected Clair Clark and Stu Schwartz as recipients of the range management awards.

New officers of the Subcommittee are:

Chairman:	Willie Milliron
Vice Chairman:	Frank Sparks
Secretary:	John Lacey

RANGE RESOLUTION

Whereas: Administrators in some land management agencies are proposing to change the method that range managers are currently using to determine ecological site and condition classes,

Whereas: There is no data to indicate that the proposed changes in methodology will improve range management on Montana Range,

Whereas: The adoption of the proposed changes by some land management will impede communication and coordinated management planning between agencies and private landowners,

Whereas: The proposed changes in methodology would require additional manpower and expense, implementation of the new methodology would not be a wise allocation of current funding,

Therefore: Be it resolved that the Range Livestock Subcommittee recommends that

RAD Executive Committee contact the State Directors of the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, Soil Conservation Service, and Cooperative Extension Service and urge that land management agencies continue to use the SCS ecological site and condition classes method of inventorying rangeland. This method is presently used in Montana.

RESOLUTION

Whereas: Weeds are a serious problem in Montana Rangeland,

Whereas: Some members have expressed the concern that the process of introducing and evaluating and releasing potential biocontrol agents is too slow,

Therefore: Be it resolved that the Range Livestock Subcommittee urge that the

Executive Committee, advise Dr. A. Lawrence Christy, National Program Leader, Weed Science and Agricultural Chemicals Technology, USDA, ARS, (Beltsville, Maryland, 20705) of the seriousness of Montana's range weed problem and urge that their process of evaluating and releasing biocontrol agents for range weeds be accelerated and streamlined,

RESOLUTION

Whereas: The introduction and establishment of wolves into Montana is being considered and promoted by some organizations,

Whereas: Historically, livestock predation by wolves has cost Montana's ranchers millions of dollars,

Whereas: Man's inability to confine wolves to small areas and discourage their predation of livestock was re-verified this past year,

Whereas: Wolves would adversely affect big game populations that are an important resource for recreation and tourism,

Whereas: Montana's Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks opposes the reintroduction of the wolves,

Therefore: Be it resolved that the Range Livestock Committee recommends that the RAD Executive Committee express our strong opposition to the wolf recovery plan to the appropriate Congressional delegation and the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

RESOLUTION

Whereas: Soil and water conservation is an important goal of ranches and land managers,

Whereas: Research has documented that surface runoff and soil erosion increases significantly when spotted knapweed invades bluebunch wheatgrass communities,

Whereas: The conservation of soil and water resources is in the best interest of society,

Therefore: Be it resolved that we recommend that the RAD Executive Committee contact Montana's ASCS office and recommend that they approve the weed-cost outlined by the Montana Department of Agriculture and the Montana Week Control Association.

RESOLUTION

Whereas: P.T. Hacker has invested considerable effort into directing the range-livestock subcommittees activities,

Whereas: The RAD Executive Committee recognized Parham's contributions with a plaque,

Therefore: Be it resolved, that the Rangeland Livestock Subcommittee appreciates the thoughtfulness of the RAD Executive Committee.

RESOLUTION

Whereas: The recognition of a "Range Man" and Range Technician" by the RAD organization has fostered improved range management in Montana,

Whereas: The Glacier Park Company purchased the awards that are part of the

recognition,

Therefore: Be it resolved, that the Range Livestock Committee requests the RAD Executive Committee express their appreciation to:

Mr. Jim Bishop
Glacier Park Company
Miles City, MT

RAD SUBCOMMITTEE ON RECREATION AND WILDLIFE
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The Recreation and Wildlife Subcommittee met December 8, 1987 at the GranTree Inn, with 13 members attending.

The subcommittee discussed the following issues:

1. Activities of the state Landowner/Sportsmen Committee;
2. the Block Management program of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks;
3. opportunities for wildlife habitat under the Conservation Reserve Program;
4. HB 526, the Montana habitat bill;
5. activities of the Forest Service in providing recreation on National Forest lands;
6. the state snowmobile recreation program;
7. tourism and recreation research by the UM School of Forestry.

Rich Clough, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, told the subcommittee that the Landowner/Sportsmen Committee will hold a Landowner-sportsmen's Conference in Lewistown February 27-28. He said that some form of landowner compensation is a key issue, at least for the agricultural representatives.

The subcommittee passed a resolution recommending that RAD endorse and support the Landowner/Sportsmen Conference.

Clough also described the Department's newly instituted Block Management program as a response to the problem of hunters interrupting and disturbing landowners. Under the block management program, the Department pays a person to take telephone calls, give permission, and manage hunting on blocks of private land. He said $70,000 has been committed to the program, and 64 areas are managed at present.

Clough said that the Department has helped set up walk-in areas, which provide sportsmen access and prevent problems of damage by vehicle, erosion and spread of weeds.

The subcommittee discussed the role that sportsmen could be taking in helping ranchers avoid game damage by assisting with fencing and other preventive measures.

Bob Martinka described the opportunities for wildlife cover the Conservation Reserve Program of the federal farm bill. The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks is encouraging participants to plant a variety of grasses and legumes that provide effective food and cover for wildlife, rather than just planting a single crop such as crested wheatgrass. The Department is providing up to $1,000 to each CRP participant to plant trees and shrubs on their CRP acreage. To date, trees and shrubs have been provided to 107 landowners.

Homer Bowles, Northern Region, U.S. Forest Service, said that there are 12,000 miles of trails in the National Forest lands in Montana. Those trails provide a wide variety of uses, and the Forest Service faces many conflicts

among different users of the trail system. he cited the Blue Mountain Recreation Area as an example where the Forest Service had developed trails designed and designated for particular uses, and where incompatible uses are separated from each other.

Both Bowles and Dick Ellis of the Fish, Wildlife and Parks, said that Montana has a very successful snowmobile management program. Revenues from a $2 registration fee on snowmobiles, and 1/2 of one percent of the Montana gasoline tax provide funding for the Department to build and maintain parking areas and snowmobile trails. This program is an example of state government, the Forest Service and a private organization -- the Montana Snowmobile Association working together.

Sid Frissell, Dean of the School of Forestry at the University of Montana, said that the Forestry School is coordinating tourism and recreation research in Montana. The research is funded form the new Montana accommodations tax. Some of the research will be conducted by the business schools of both MSU and UM, as well as the Forestry School.

RESOLUTION
SUPPORT FOR THE 1988 LANDOWNERS/SPORTSMEN CONFERENCE

1. WHEREAS, the state Landowners/Sportsmen committee has been actively working on resolving landowner-sportsmen relations, and

2. WHEREAS, the Landowners/Sportsmen Committee will be holding a statewide conference February 27-28 and

3. WHEREAS, the Montana Rural Areas Development Committee desires resolution of the landowner-sportsmen conflicts,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Rural Areas Development Committee endorses and supports the Landowner/Sportsmen Conference to be held February 27-28, in Lewistown.

RAD WEED SUBCOMMITTEE
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The meeting was called to order by Wayne Pearson with eight members present. The minutes of the 1986 meeting were read and approved. The disposition of last year's resolutions were noted and discussed. Celestine Lacey discussed the Montana Noxious Weed Trust Fund projects and new funding sources available for this year. 35 projects have been funded to date for a total of $701,000. Two projects were terminated with funds transferred to other projects. New funding available for projects this year is as follows: Oil Overcharge, $139,000; Vehicle Tax, $373,000; and Herbicide Surcharge, $250,000 for a total of $762,000. A good portion of this is earmarked for research programs. The Permanent Trust Fund now had $810,000 with a goal of $2 1/2 million. The fund is invested at 9%.

Bob Norwierski said plans are to pool resources with CIBC (Canada) for collection of natural enemies on Leafy Spurge. New emphasis is on biocontrol of Dalmation Load Flax. The items needed to equip insect quarantine facilities are growth rooms and incubators. After insects have been cleared for field release, there is a need for larger numbers to be collected and brought from Europe. It may be possible to get trust fund money for this. Bob presented a proposal and cost estimate for doing this through CIBC and USDA in Rome, Italy. Bob also said it is important to look at plant competition and ecology at release sites to make the program effective. Celestine requested that a letter form RAD to the state ASCS be sent with the Committee supporting ASCS cost share for rangeland weed control in project areas. This request is to be submitted jointly with the Range Committee. Celestine gave a report in CRP weed problems and potential projects to be submitted to the Trust Fund on CRP lands. It was pointed out that farmers and ASCS districts need more information on weed control methods on new seedings. Hand McNeal felt a lot of weed problems on CRP acreage would go away once the grasses were established. Celestine requested a letter requesting a change in allowable tolerances of certain weeds in certified seed. Doug Johnson submitted a proposal from the triangle area on a state-wide public information program and asked for support from RAD for the project. This was approved and submitted to the Executive Committee.

A brief discussion was had on the Savory program for Knapweed control on the Robbins ranch with interest expressed as to the long-term outcome of this method of Knapweed control. Celestine indicated Glacier Park has become more receptive to weed control and she has been able to work with them. A new concern is the Yellow Starthistle found in a few isolated areas of Montana. Also, a few other exotic weeds which have been observed.

The subcommittee asked that the Executive Committee of the Rural Areas Development Committee support the Noxious Weed Trust Fund as administered by recommendations: Change the amount of reports from four quarterly reports to one annual report. This reduction in paperwork will free the weed coordinator from routine secretarial-type duties. This reduction of paperwork will increase the effectiveness of the weed coordinator allowing her more directly to address request-for-funding from the noxious weed trust fund.

Meeting called to order with Jim Welsh present to discuss the possibility of a Pathogen wing for the quarantine center. This wing is to be funded with Federal money and to be shared with USDA. Present facility is nearly completed with state funds so prospect is good for Federal funding to build the new wing. Dr. Welsh asked for our support for the project. It was voted to ask the RAD executive committee tow rite to our congressional delegation supporting this.

A general discussion session was held with Dr. Welsh and Dr. Luft in regard to staffing and operational concerns. Specifically a second weed specialist, quarantine offices, and pesticide training specialist. A very informative discussion resulted in both groups having a better understanding of the concerns and restraints in developing the weed program. Meeting wad adjourned.

FINANCIAL REPORT
Montana Rural Areas Development Committee
For The Period
November 1, 1986 to November 1, 1987

INCOME AND BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD

Bank Balance - November 1, 1986		$ 224.15
Income Annual Meeting, 1986		
Registration (65 @ $6.00)	$ 380.00	
Lunch 11/20 (48 @ $6.00, 8 comp.)	288.00	
Dinner 11/20 (41 @ $12.00, 13 comp.)	492.00	
Lunch 11/21 (27 @ $6.00, 1 comp.)	162.00	
Pins (3 @ $1.00)	3.00	
Total Income Annual Meeting		$1325.00
Dues for 1987		
Annual (80 @ $10.00)	$ 800.00	
Associate (2 @ $25.00)	50.00	
Life (1 @ $50.00)	50.00	
Total Dues		$ 900.00
Interest		15.51
Miscellaneous		16.00
Total Income		$2480.66

EXPENDITURES

Postage, stamps	$ 182.24	
Mailing permit, postage	157.61	
Supplies	67.95	
Candy for Secretaries	74.01	
Flowers and Music	65.00	
Awards, Plaques	94.20	
Typing and Printing	128.33	
Fees: Secretary of State & Mailing Permit	60.00	
Telephone	237.38	
GranTree Inn (meals & coffee)	1257.05	
Total Expenditures		$2323.77
BANK BALANCE 11/1/87		$ 156.89

Financial Statement
1987 Annual Meeting
Montana RAD Committee
GranTree Inn, Bozeman, Montana
December 7, 8, and 9, 1987

Receipts - Meals, Registration & Dues	
Registration - 55 @ $6	$330.00
Dues - 50 @ $10	$500.00
Lunch - Dec. 8 (49 @ $6; 5 comp.)	$294.00
Dinner - Dec. 8 (49 @ $12; 7 comp.)	$588.00
Lunch - Dec. 9 (31 @ $6; 2 comp.)	$186.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$1,898.00
Expenditures	
Lunch - Dec. 8 (54 @ $6; 5 comp.)	$324.00
Dinner - Dec. 8 (55 @ $10.90; 7 comp.)	$599.50
Lunch - Dec. 9 (33 @ $5.70; 2 comp.)	$188.10
Coffee Breaks	$235.70
Duplicating	$ 2.10
Music & Flowers	$ 35.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$1,384.40

Receipts - Minus Dues	$1398.00
Annual Meeting Costs	$1384.40
Net Above Costs	$ 13.60

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